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The Apartment

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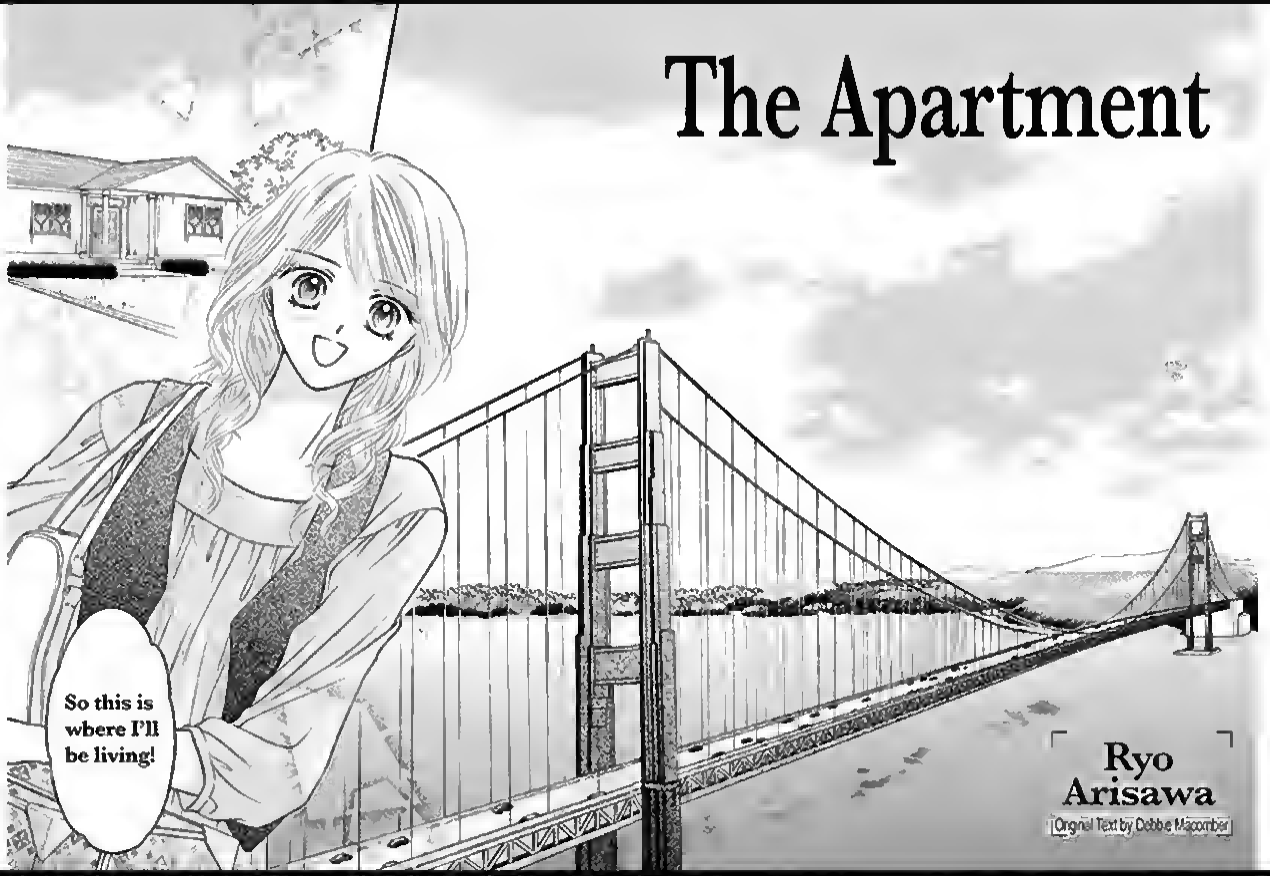
Ryo Arisawa

You'll get sunburnt, darling, don't do it.
An open-top car?
Leaving... me?
You're really leaving San Francisco...
For the first time in my 23 years on this earth...
Squeeze
I'm finally free!

The Apartment



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I've decided to take care of myself on my own.
I think this will be the best for the both of us.
Mom ...
The Greers only own the house. They're not going to care for me.
You'll call me often?
Of course.
At least once a week.
But, Hilary...
...

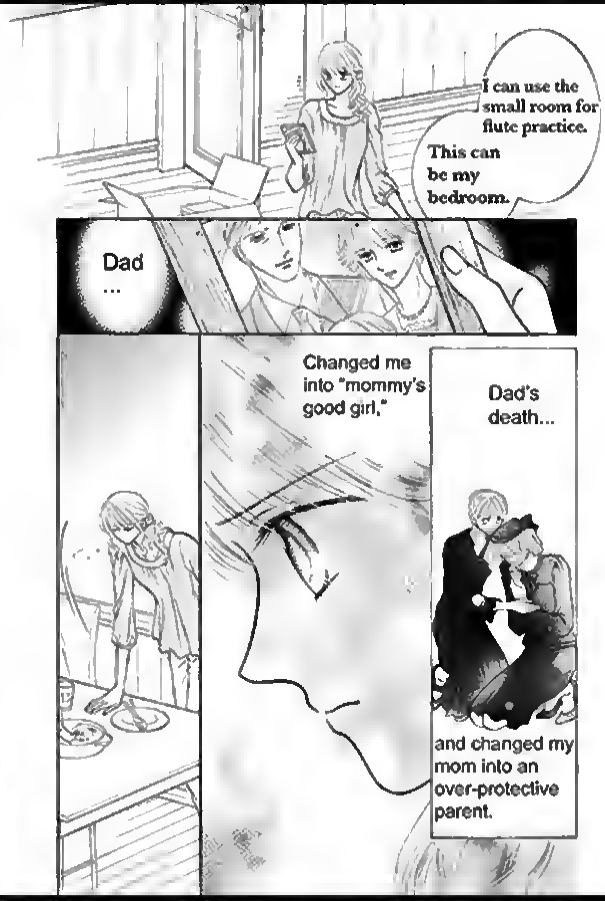
I even arranged it so that I can't access my trust fund, to stop me relying on my wealthy family.
I got a job playing the flute for the Portland Symphony,
and working part-time at a music store...

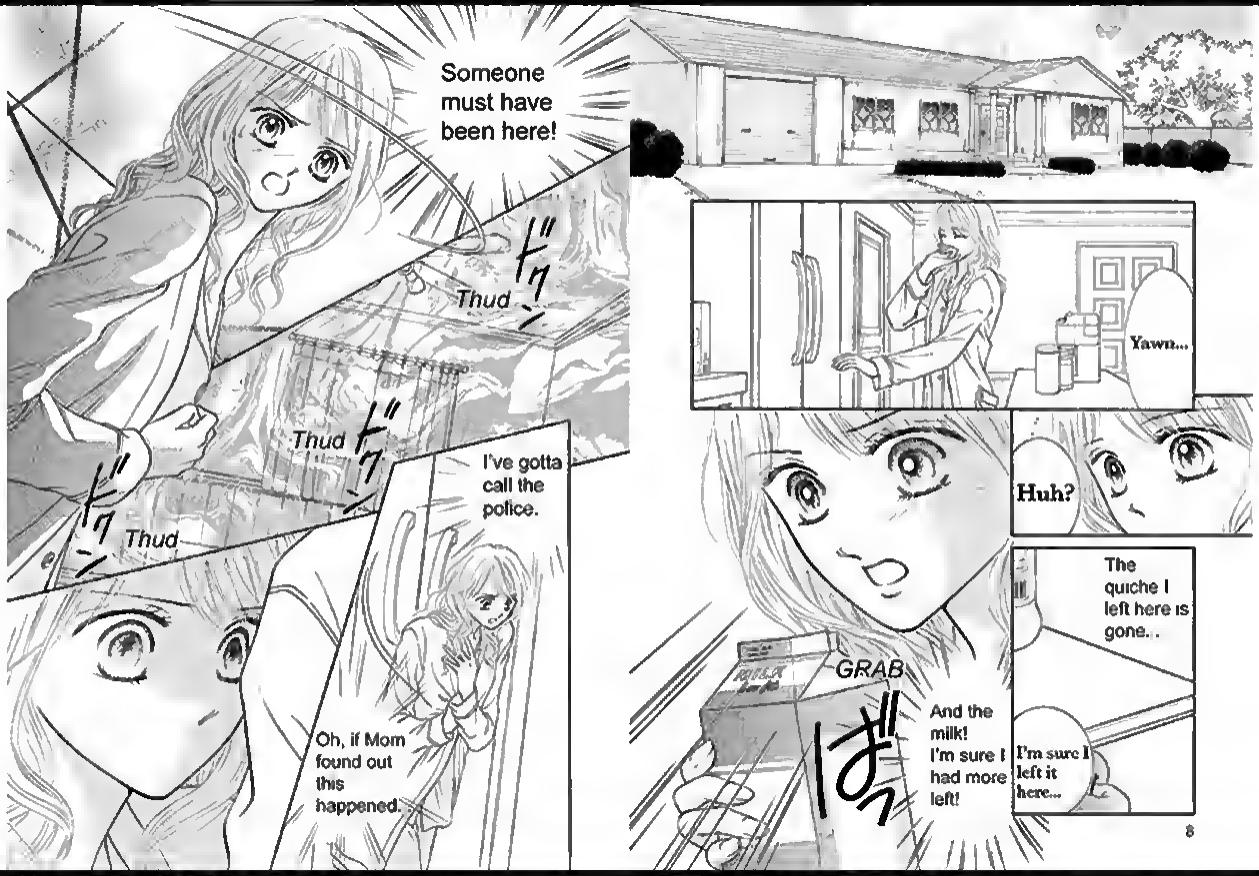
Ting

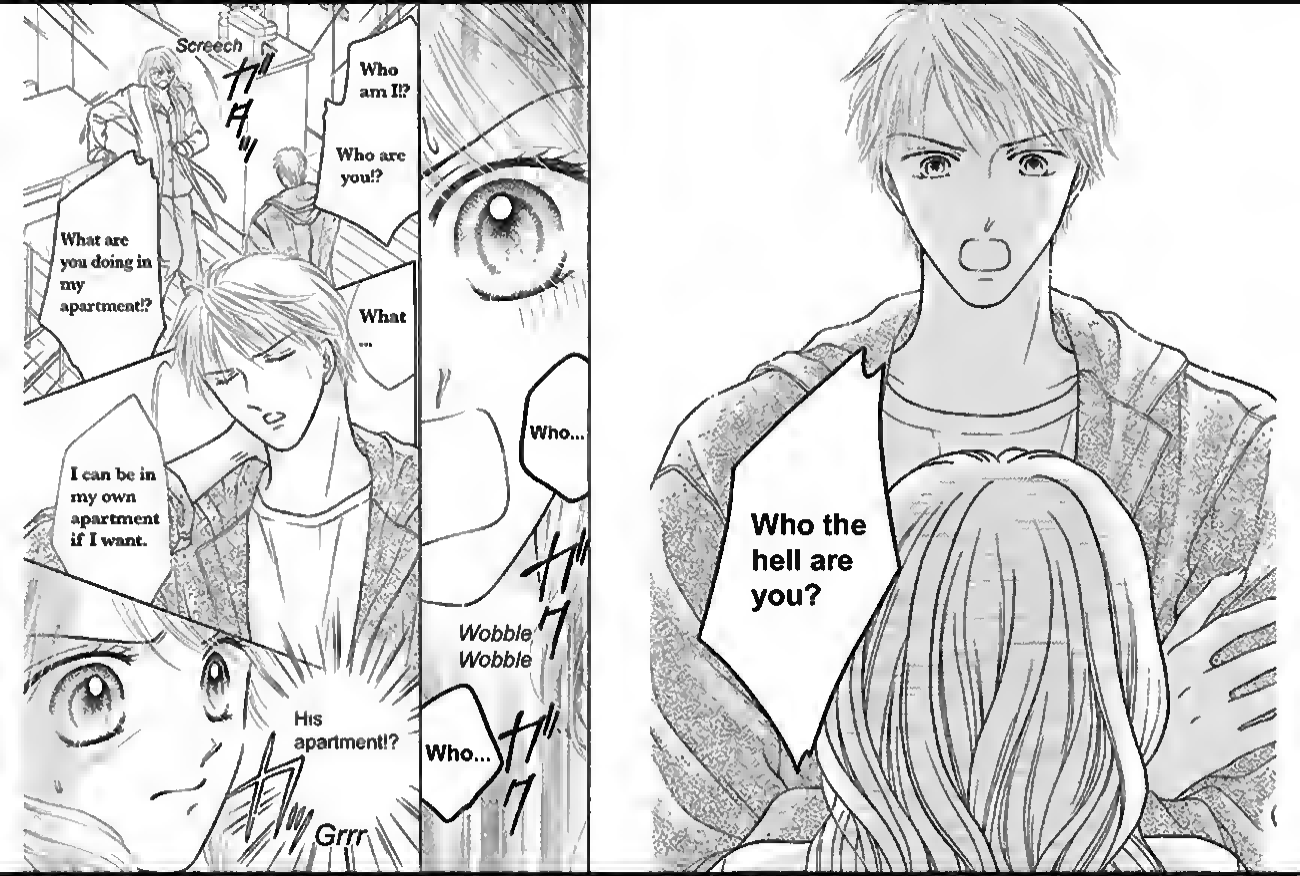
I know she means well...
Mom must be waiting to hear from me.
And worries...
Honestly, she interferes with everything.

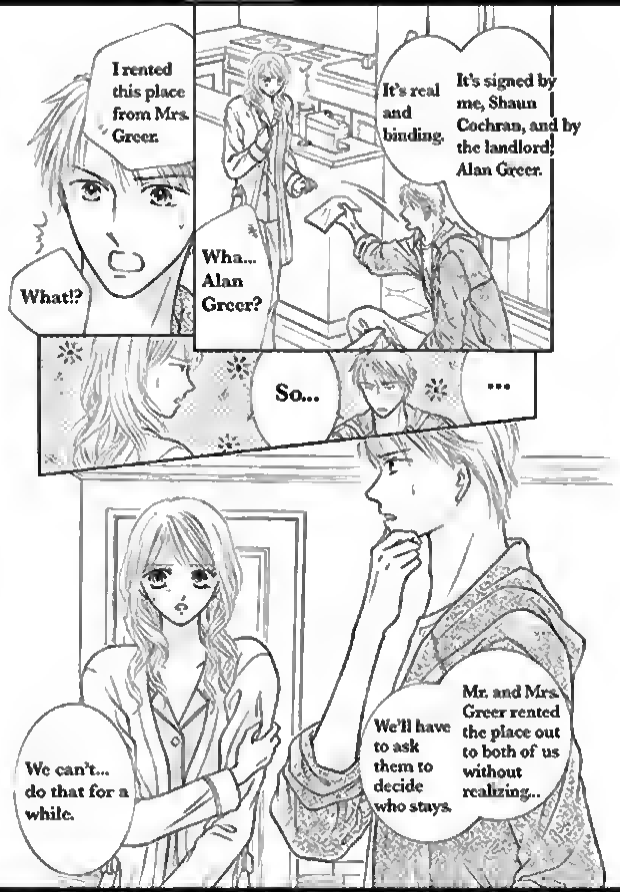
Hilary!
I was so worried! Did you get there ok? Have you introduced yourself to Mr. and Mrs. Greer?

I'm escaping my mom's control...
Wham
But I've changed.
Zzz...
And going on my life's biggest adventure!
Clink
BANG
SLAM
Clank


I can use the small room for flute practice.
This can be my bedroom.
Dad ...
Changed me into "mommy's good girl,"
Dad's death...
and changed my mom into an over-protective parent.


Someone must have been here!
Thud
Thud
Thud
I've gotta call the police.
Oh, if Mom found out this happened.
Yawn...
Huh?
The quiche I left here is gone..
I'm sure I left it here...
GRAB
And the milk! I'm sure I had more left!

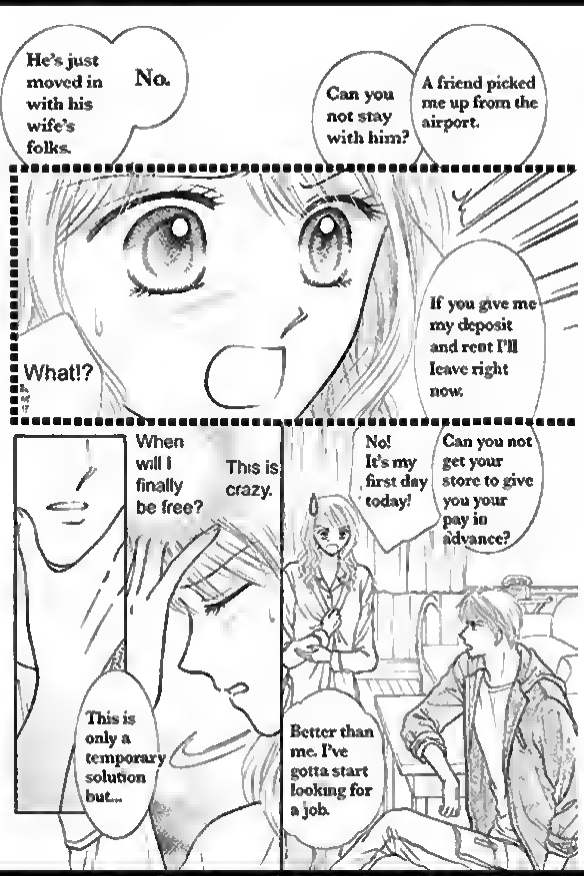

Screech
Who am I!?
Who are you!?
What are you doing in my apartment!?
What ...
I can be in my own apartment if I want.
His apartment!?
Grrr
Who...
Wobble Wobble
Who...
Who the hell are you?

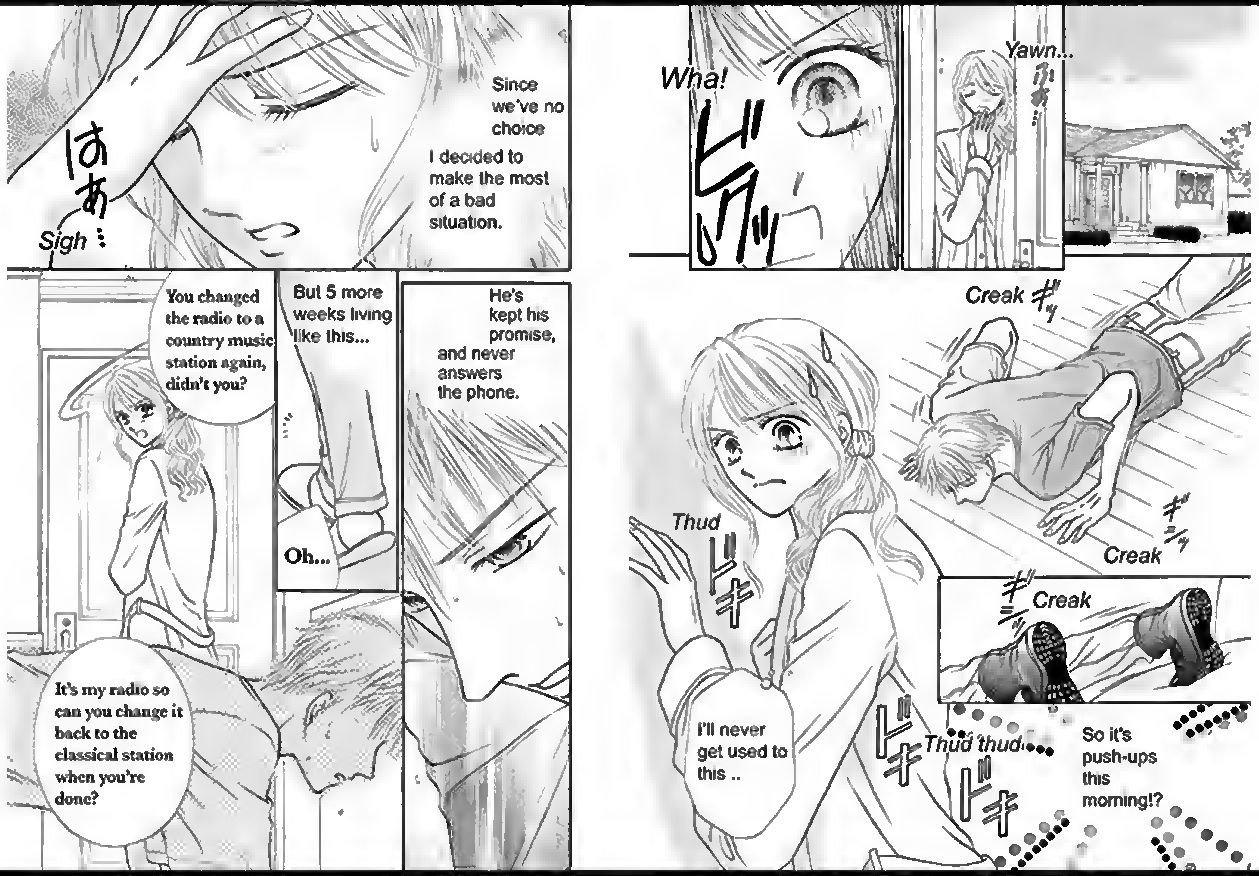

I rented this place from Mrs. Greer.
What!?
It's real and binding.
It's signed by me, Shaun Cochran, and by the landlord, Alan Greer.
Wha... Alan Greer?
So...
...
We'll have to ask them to decide who stays.
Mr. and Mrs. Greer rented the place out to both of us without realizing...
We can't... do that for a while.

I live here.
So...
Sigh.
Rummage
This rental agreement is fake, then?
Me!

Yes!
I paid a day earlier.
Well, I've got to go start my shift at the store.
Actually ...
None of this is his fault, either.
Have you got somewhere else to stay?
I've just left the army, and just came back from Fort Devens.
6 weeks!?
The Greers have gone away for 6 weeks.
All right, let's look at our contracts.
The person who paid the deposit first stays.
Lease contract
30 April 2016
Don't shout.
I've gotta shout!
I'm telling you I'm not moving anywhere!
All right!
I moved in here first!

Until the Greers come back in 6 weeks' time...
Why don't we live here together?
Together...!?


He's just moved in with his wife's folks.
No.
Can you not stay with him?
A friend picked me up from the airport.
What!?
If you give me my deposit and rent I'll leave right now.
When will I finally be free?
This is crazy.
This is only a temporary solution but...
No! It's my first day today!
Can you not get your store to give you your pay in advance?
Better than me. I've gotta start looking for a job.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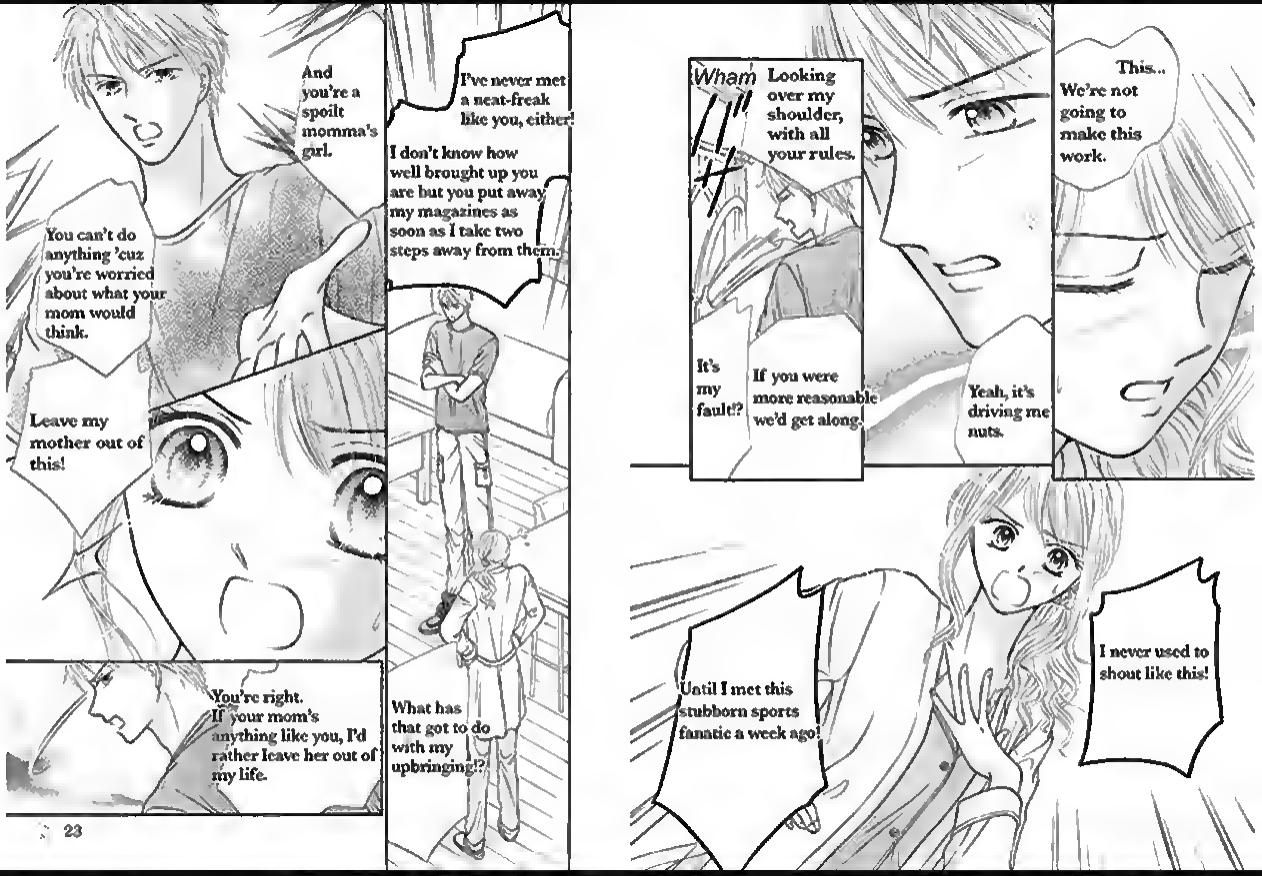
Sigh...
Since we've no choice
I decided to make the most of a bad situation.
You changed the radio to a country music station again, didn't you?
But 5 more weeks living like this...
Oh...
He's kept his promise, and never answers the phone.
It's my radio so can you change it back to the classical station when you're done?
Wha!
Yawn...
Creak
Creak
Creak
Thud
I'll never get used to this ..
Thud thud
So it's push-ups this morning!?

Did you turn the air-conditioner up again?
It was so hot I couldn't stand it.
We agreed to make our own food.
But you still ate my dinner.
Brrr
It's cold...
Then stop exercising indoors!
beep beep
beep
Then can you stop hanging your laundry in the shower stall?
Stop calling me that.
I can't close the curtains.
Yes, your highness.
You can move them.
You're the one who told me not to touch your things.
You say that but you ate my shrimp salad yesterday!

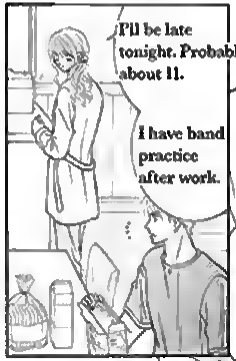

And you're a spoilt momma's girl.
You can't do anything 'cuz you're worried about what your mom would think.
Leave my mother out of this!
You're right. If your mom's anything like you, I'd rather leave her out of my life.
I've never met a neat-freak like you, either!
I don't know how well brought up you are but you put away my magazines as soon as I take two steps away from them.
What has that got to do with my upbringing!?
Wham
Looking over my shoulder, with all your rules.
It's my fault!?
If you were more reasonable we'd get along.
Yeah, it's driving me nuts.
This.. We're not going to make this work.
Until I met this stubborn sports fanatic a week ago!
I never used to shout like this!

...
So I think we've both been in the wrong.
And I also don't use your razor without asking.
Oh, that... That was an accident. I thought it was mine.
If we can accept that,
We can try to compromise.
Are you willing to give it another try?

My mom... Like me..?
"neat-freak"
"all your rules"
You must be kiddin' me
Those are all my mom's traits that I can't stand.
I don't change your radio station without asking!
It's just my fault!?
I don't practice the flute in the middle of the night!
Fine, whatever.
It's your fault we can't live together.
Grab

11... Must be pretty hard for you.
Yeah, that's a good idea.
I... I just thought if we knew each other's schedules...
We won't have to worry for any reason.
Not really.
I'm doing what I love.
You're really good, too.
Shaun...
You're complimenting me?
I can't help but listen when you're practicing at night.

Great. We have a truce, then.
Rip
crispix


I'll be late tonight. Probably about 11.
I have band practice after work.
... I'll try.

I guess...
It's better to work out a way we can live with each other.
Than trying to pretend the other doesn't exist.
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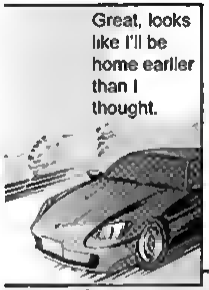

Great, looks like I'll be home earlier than I thought.

SLAM
I can't wait to talk to Shaun.
If we could talk like we did this morning...

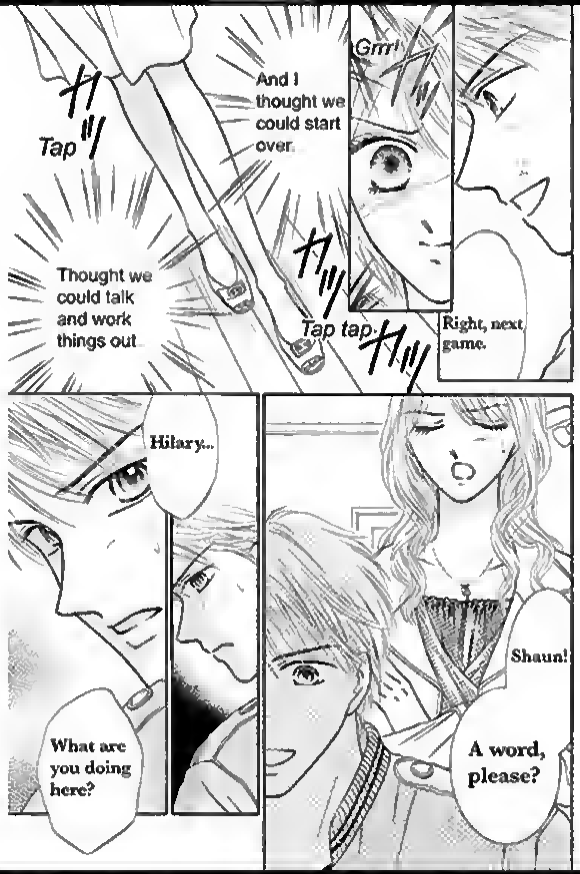
Hmm?

He can smile so kindly.
Thank you.

Haha
Sportsman? Muscle man?
If I can't get a job I guess I can always be someone's bodyguard.

Clang
Anyway, you're a real musician.
If I'm a real musician, then you're a real... um...

I've got an exam for a job today.
I think it'll work out.
Shaun... he...
Hope it goes well.


Tap
And I thought we could start over.
Grrr!
Thought we could talk and work things out
Tap tap
Right, next game.
Hilary...
What are you doing here?
Shaun!
A word, please?

Show your hands!
Shaun?
Creak
Who's car is that?
Click
Flush!
Damn, Joe wins again.
Hand over the chips, then.
Wha... What is this?
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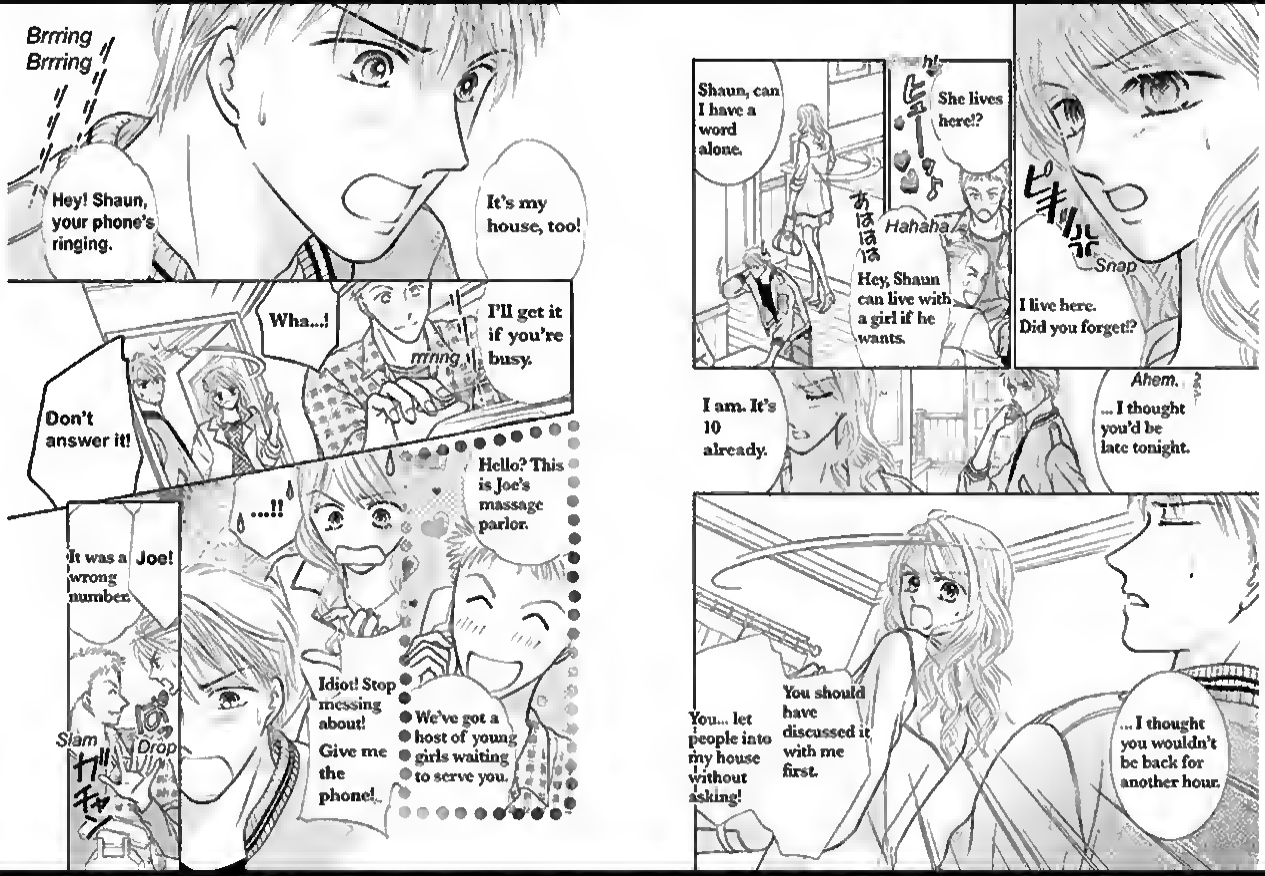
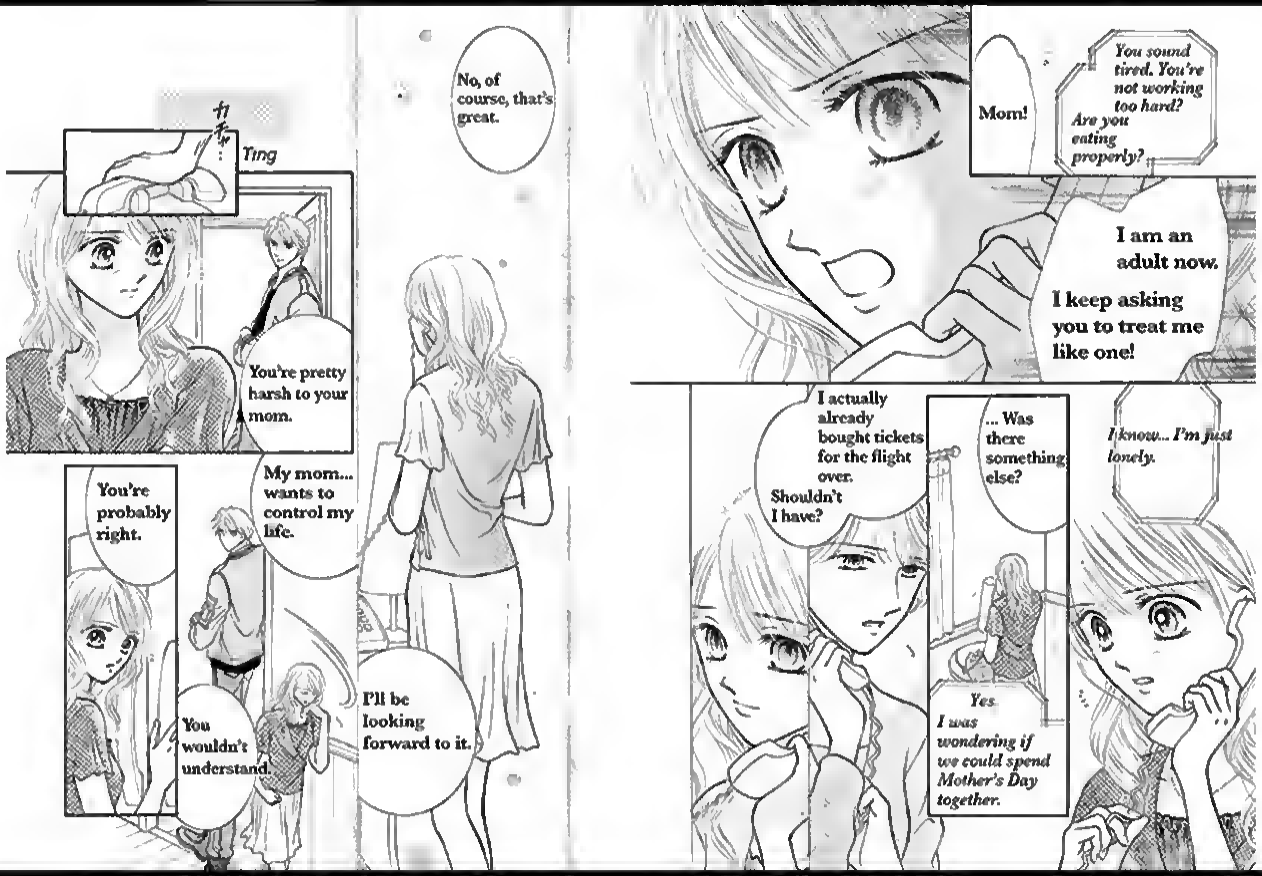

Brrring
Brrring
Hey! Shaun, your phone's ringing.
It's my house, too!
Wha...!
I'll get it if you're busy.
mmng
Don't answer it!
...!!
Hello? This is Joe's massage parlor.
It was a wrong number.
Joe!
Slam
Drop
Idiot! Stop messing about! Give me the phone!
We've got a host of young girls waiting to serve you.
Shaun, can I have a word alone.
hi
She lives here!?
Hahaha
Hey, Shaun can live with a girl if he wants.
Snap
I live here. Did you forget!?
I am. It's 10 already.
Ahem.
... I thought you'd be late tonight.
You... let people into my house without asking!
You should have discussed it with me first.
... I thought you wouldn't be back for another hour.

Glance
She has me on speed dial...
So I can't play the "wrong number" card
I just rang and a man answered. Who was that!?
Get out!
Why?
She's in trouble!
Anyway, what's up? It's late.
O.. Oh, you mean Shaun.
He lives next door. A real prankster.
I was watching the news and I remembered.
Remember we used to chat while watching the news?
Wasn't it fun?
That was, like, when I was 10.
Wonder what she'd think if she knew I wasn't alone?
I'm just so worried about you living alone...
Some middle-aged woman who wanted to speak to her daughter.
Sigh
You're not called Hilary by any chance, are you?
.rring.
Calm. Stay calm
...Hello?
Yes, it's me.
Rrrring Rrrring


Ting
You're pretty harsh to your mom.
You're probably right.
My mom... wants to control my life.
You wouldn't understand.
I'll be looking forward to it.
No, of course, that's great.
Mom!
You sound tired. You're not working too hard? Are you eating properly?
I am an adult now.
I keep asking you to treat me like one!
I actually already bought tickets for the flight over. Shouldn't I have?
... Was there something else?
Yes. I was wondering if we could spend Mother's Day together.
I know... I'm just lonely.

Is that all?
No problem.
... Is something wrong?
My mom's coming here for Mother's Day.
But... you'll have to move your furniture and everything.
You have to get rid of all traces of yourself.
It's harder than it sounds.
Or if it's only a couple of days my friend might let me stay at his.
I'll get my stuff and go to a hotel.
I'll make sure your mom doesn't find out.

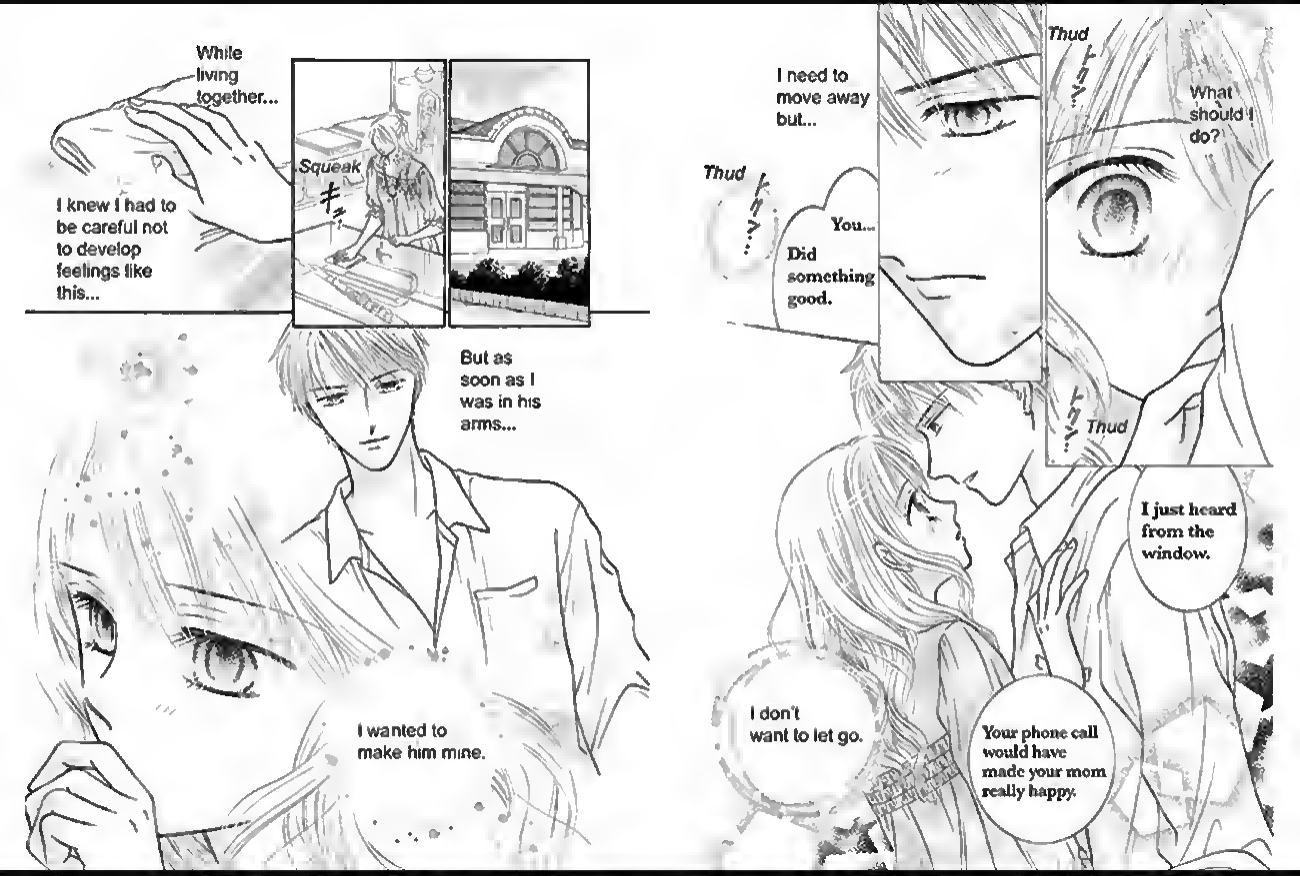
I didn't get along with my stepmom, either.
My mom... died when I was young. I don't remember her very much.
...
Yeah...
It's not really.
It was wrong for me to bring friends over without asking.
But I didn't think it was such a big deal.
About earlier...
Oh!
That's right.

I got a job as a helicopter pilot.
Wow! Congratulations.
His friends must have been here to celebrate.
Some of them mess about after a few beers, though.
Really sorry...
Hahaha
But they were really good at leaving without a sound.
They seem like really good friends.

Um... I'm sorry I was a bit harsh to your friends earlier.
That's all right.
Do you want... Some tea?
Thank you.
Shaun...

Yawn...
I stayed up too late last night.
So glad my shift starts in the afternoon.
Click カチッ
Rossini's opera!
...
He kept his promise...
Is it because I want him to know more about me?
Or because I want to know more about him?
Why...
Couldn't we have been like this earlier?
I could talk to Shaun forever.

Oh...
Bump
Sludge
Were you working on the car? What's that, oil?
He he
Don't look at me like that.
I'll wash the sink, too.
Thud
... Oh
Mom?
Beep Beep
Tap
I'll get you tickets.
It's about Mother's Day. There's a concert for my symphony then...
Yeah.
Me, too, Mom.
And ...
I'm sorry for being harsh last night.
Morning, Shaun.
Oh, sorry. So you're here.
I love you.


While living together...
I knew I had to be careful not to develop feelings like this...
Squeak
But as soon as I was in his arms...
I wanted to make him mine.
I need to move away but...
Thud
What should I do?
Thud
You... Did something good.
Thud
I just heard from the window.
I don't want to let go.
Your phone call would have made your mom really happy.

Haha
Creak
It's a deal.
You'll be cleaning the dishes.
Our silly conversations and jokes..
Hehe
Want some?
I made some shrimp salad, too.
You're just too much for me, Shaun.
What?
Lifts my spirits so much.
But I don't have the right
Creak
Hey..
Hey, Hilary!
I just finished making the world's best spaghetti sauce!
You're going to give me some?
I never turn down a free meal.
I hope you're hungry.
Who said anything about it being free?

Ahahahahaha!
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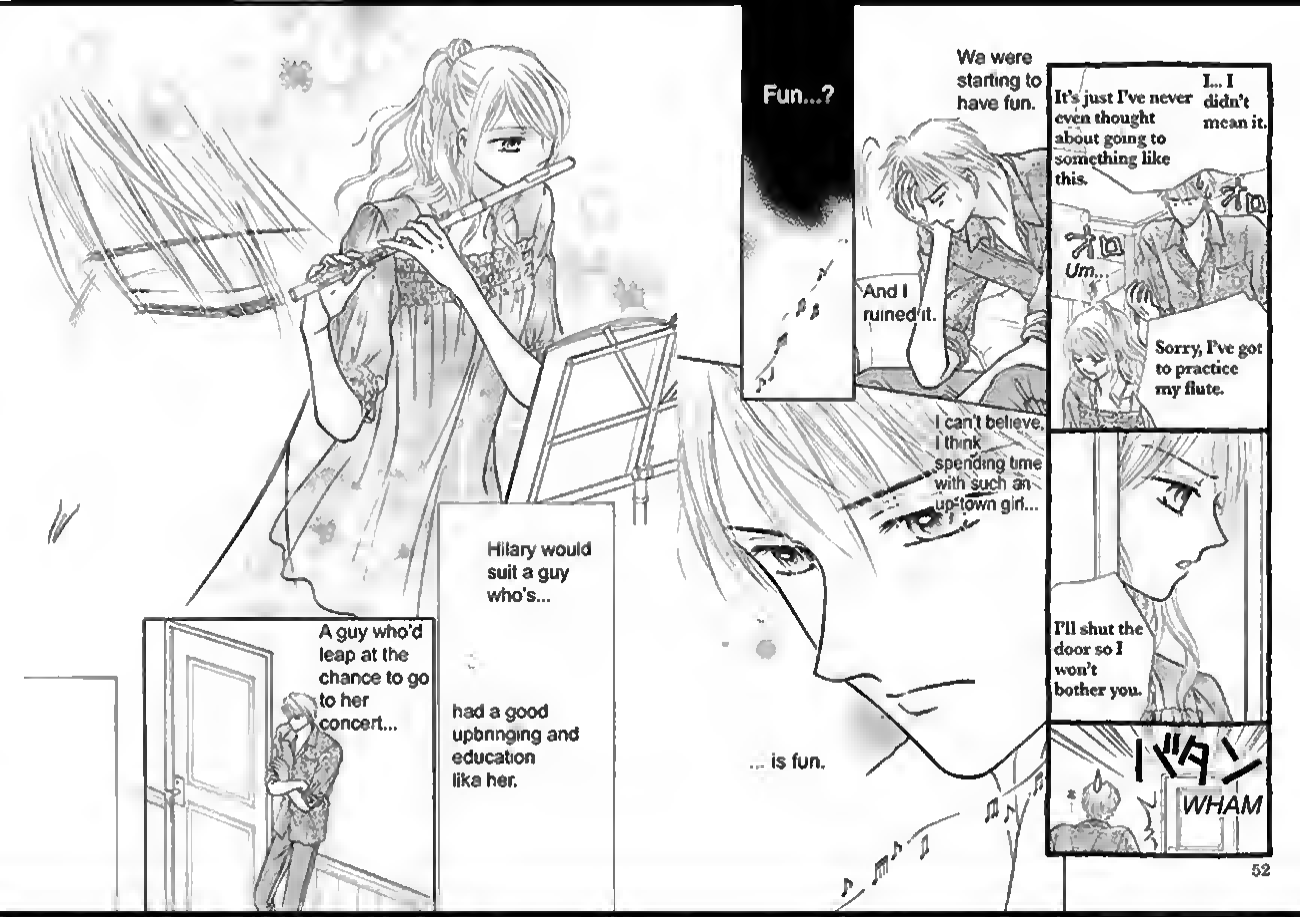
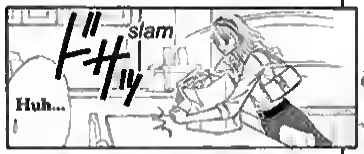
Me!? To a symphony concert!?
You're hilarious, Hilary!
あはははは
Ahahahaha!
I am such an idiot.
Sigh.

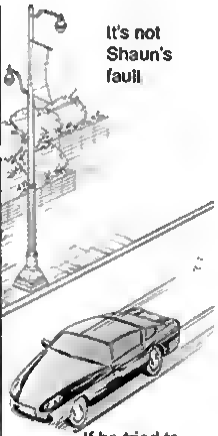
It's not much but I wanted to say thanks.
Since you're helping me out with my mom visiting.
What is it?
Oh
I have a present for you.
Oh. Nothing.
Clang
Classics Concert
They're tickets to my concert on Mother's Day. If you wanted to come..
You're... giving these to me...?


Fun...?
We were starting to have fun.
And I ruined it.
I... I didn't mean it.
It's just I've never even thought about going to something like this.
Um...
Sorry, I've got to practice my flute.
I can't believe, I think spending time with such an up-town girl...
I'll shut the door so I won't bother you.
WHAM
... is fun.
Hilary would suit a guy who's...
had a good upbringing and education like her.
A guy who'd leap at the chance to go to her concert...

I can tell that Shaun's worried about hurting my feelings.



It's not Shaun's fault.



If he tried to take me to a country music concert,

I probably couldn't smile and say, "Sure!" sincerely.

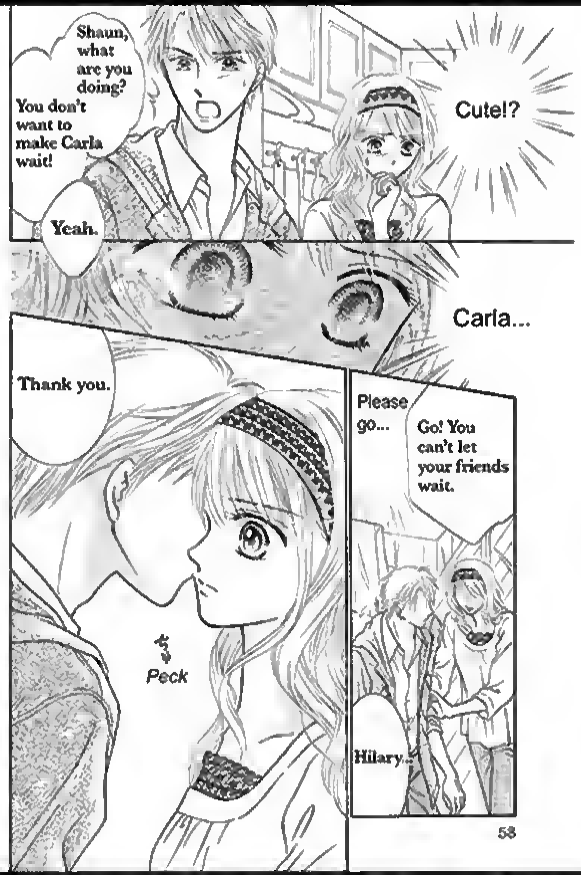
Then...

it won't be so awkward anymore.

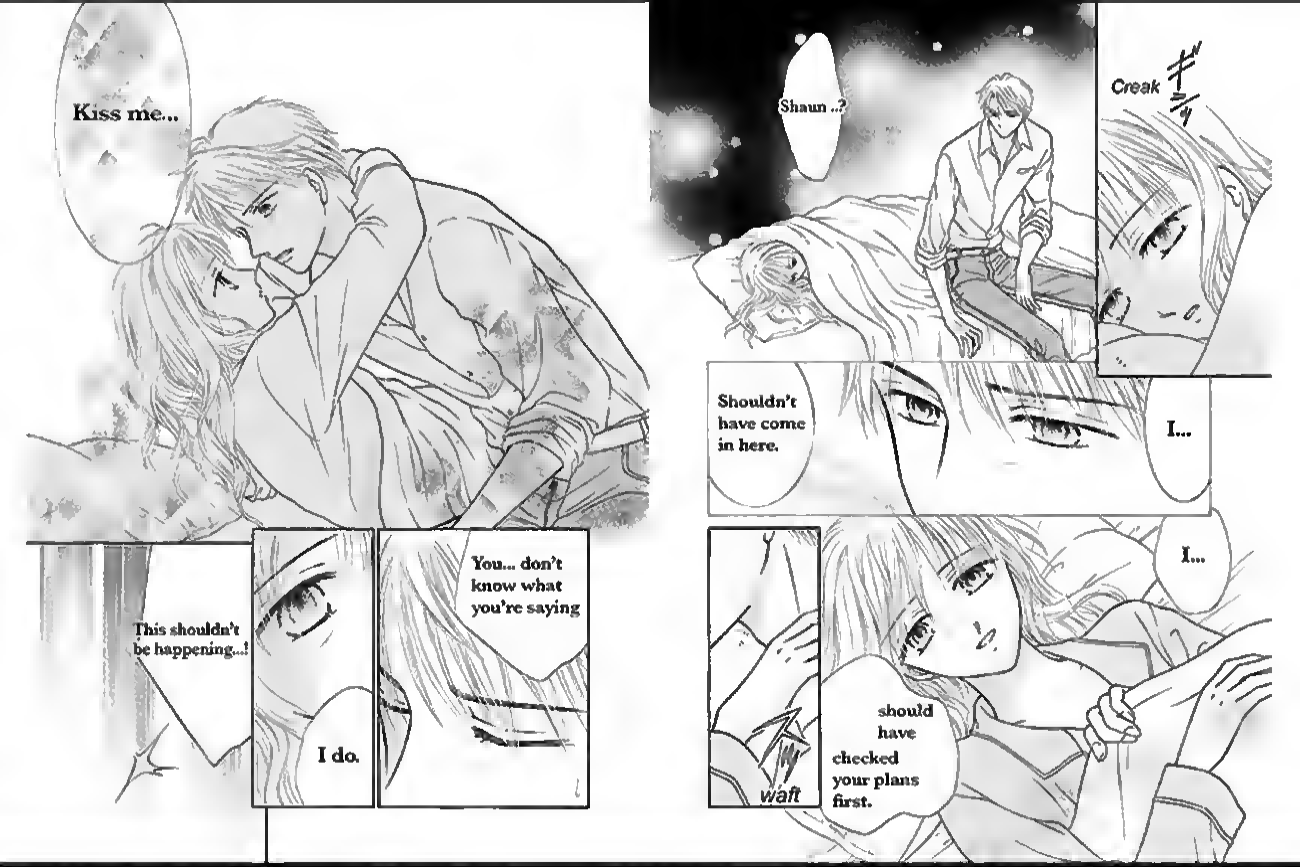
You better get going, then!
Blush
But...
...
Ok?
It all looks really good.
You do such cute things.
They're in the car outside now.
No, I'll turn the guys down.
No! We'll just reschedule the dinner.
Smile
Don't worry about me.

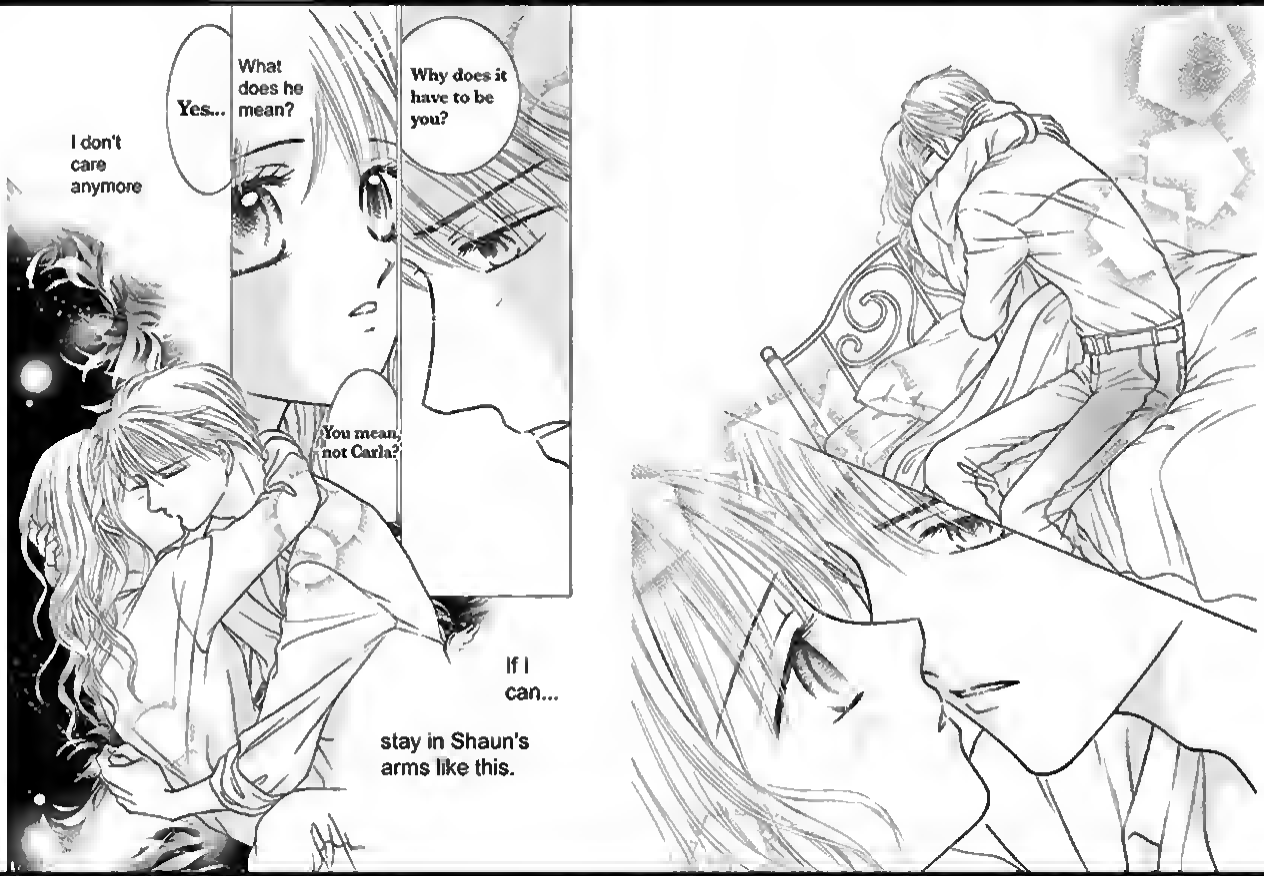
!
I hope you like it.
...
What's wrong, Shaun?
My friends have planned something already for this evening...
Hilary...
Congrats on your first day at work!
I made you a feast!

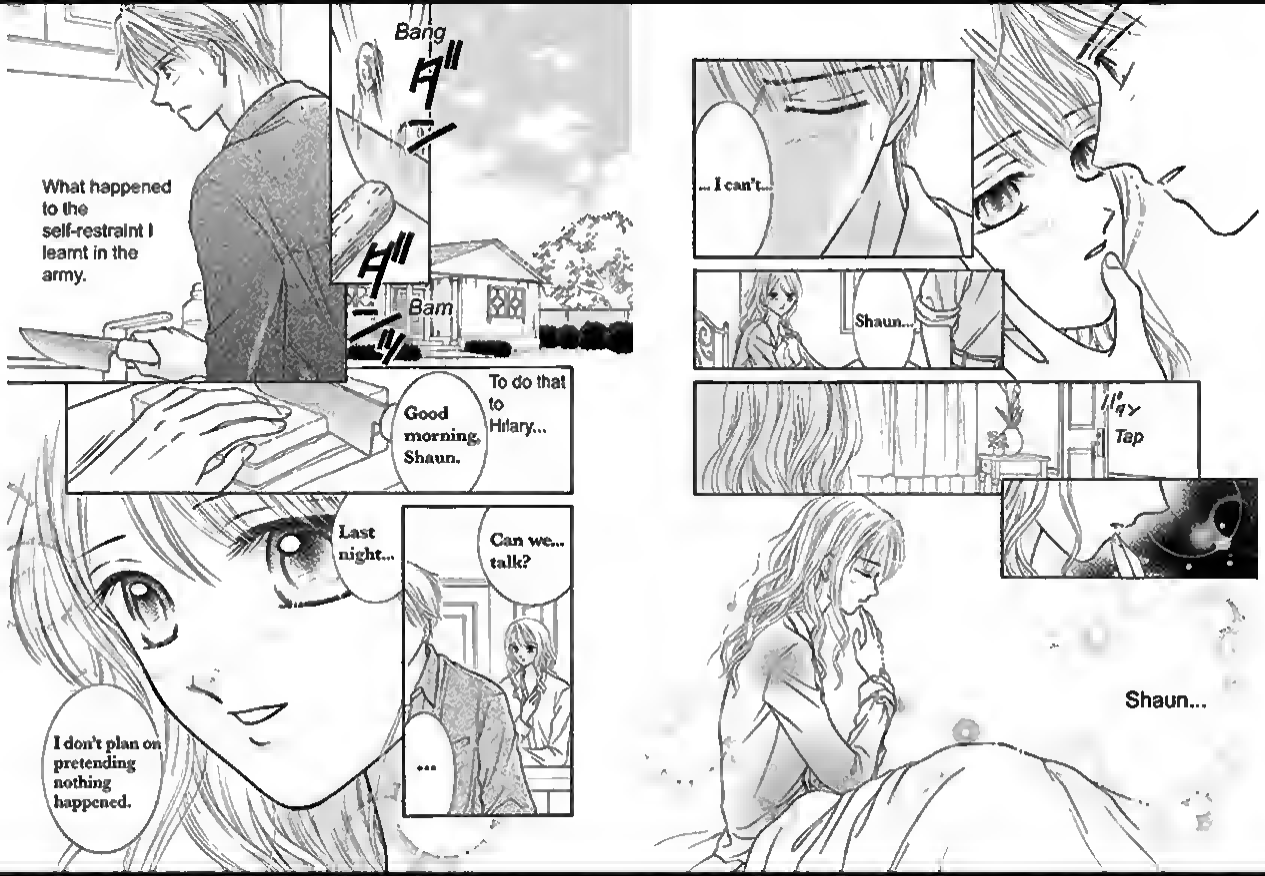
click
Cute...
SLUMP
but goes out at night with a woman called Carla.
He talks to me like a child,
No, it's wrong for me to think like this.
It's not Shaun's fault. .


Shaun, what are you doing?
You don't want to make Carla wait!
Yeah.
Cute!?
Carla...
Thank you.
Peck
Please go...
Go! You can't let your friends wait.
Hilary.

Creak
Thud
Hilary...?
Creak
Hilary...?
Has sha gone to bed. .?
Sigh
I've never wanted to come home from a party so early before
If I could tell her now, how much I appreciated it
Why do we keep misunderstanding each other?


Kiss me...
This shouldn't be happening...!
I do.
You... don't know what you're saying
Shaun ..?
Creak
Shouldn't have come in here.
I...
I...
should have checked your plans first.
waft

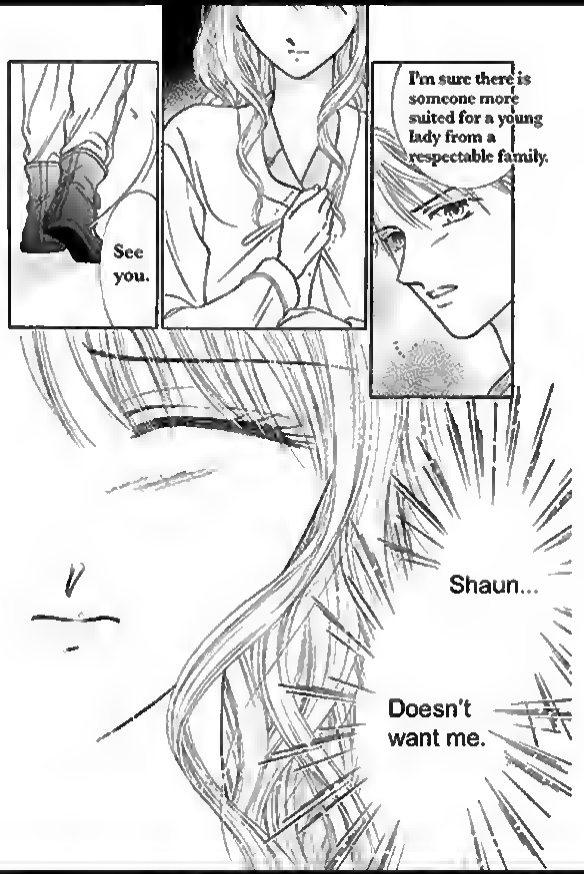

Yes...
What does he mean?
Why does it have to be you?
I don't care anymore
You mean, not Carla?
If I can...
stay in Shaun's arms like this.


What happened to the self-restraint I learnt in the army.
Bang
Bam
To do that to Hilary...
Good morning, Shaun.
Last night...
Can we... talk?
...
I don't plan on pretending nothing happened.
... I can't...
Shaun...
Tap
Shaun...

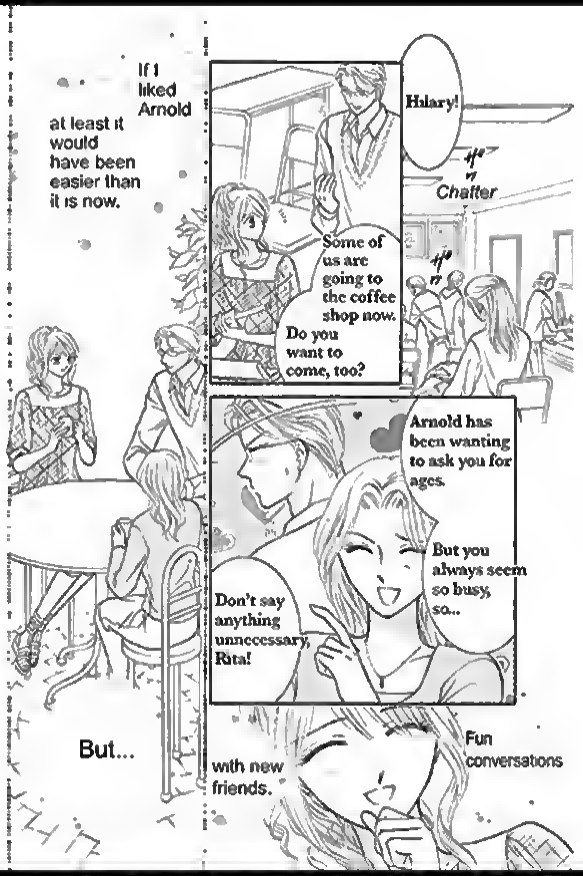
Grab=
Listen carefully, Hilary.
Fine... About last night...
If you're just looking for a bit of fun,
then please find another man.
and I prefer women who know about the world a bit more.
To tell you the truth, I don't find you sexually attractive,

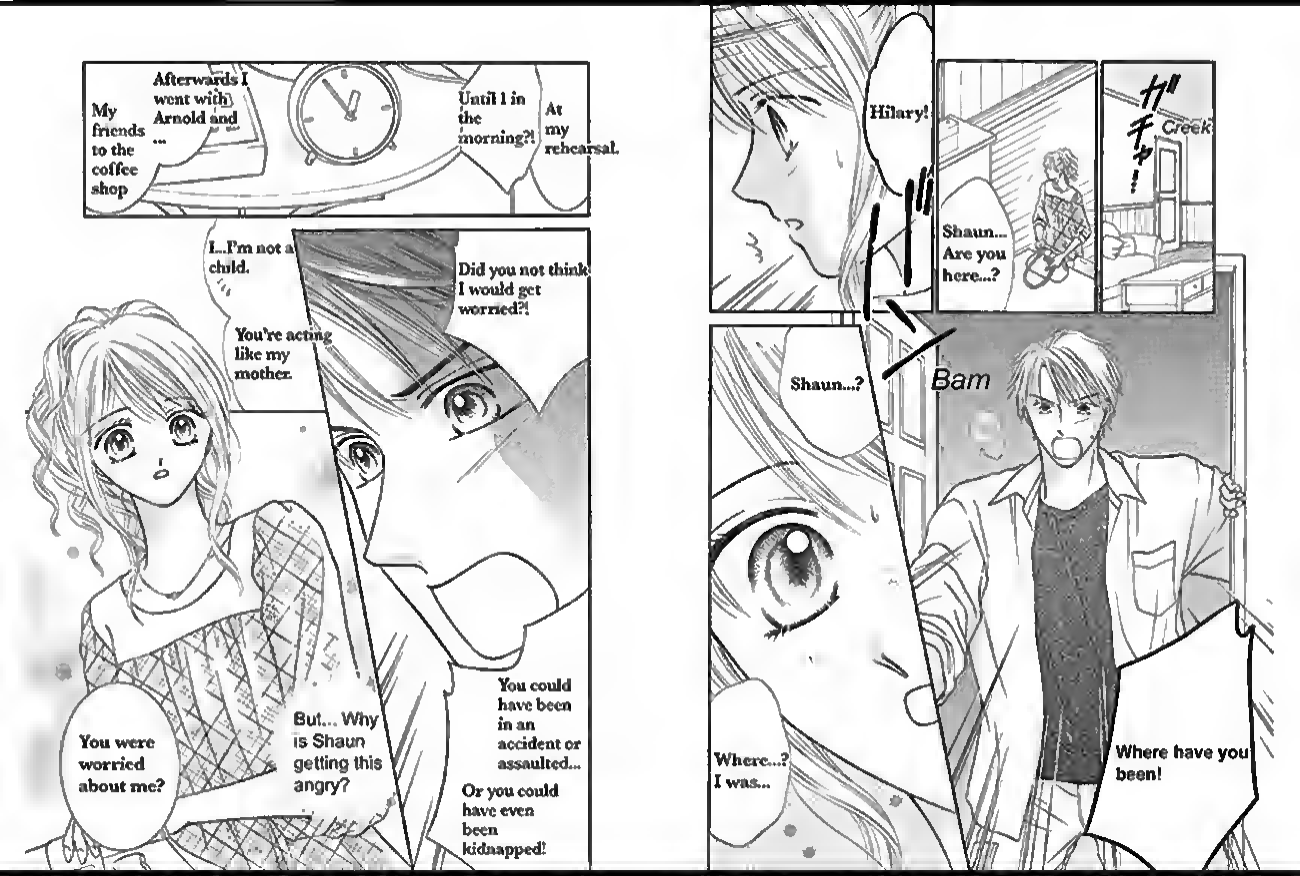
Because, I won't let it happen.
Shaun ...?
You should forget about it. It's never going to happen again.
How can you say that?!
Wait! We need to talk properly!
I have to go to work now.
Shaun...

Ha
I should be grateful that Shaun is such a gentleman.
I'm so foolish and know nothing of the world.
But, I did such an embarrassing thing!
Grab
No.
Relying on my mom now is just being selfish.

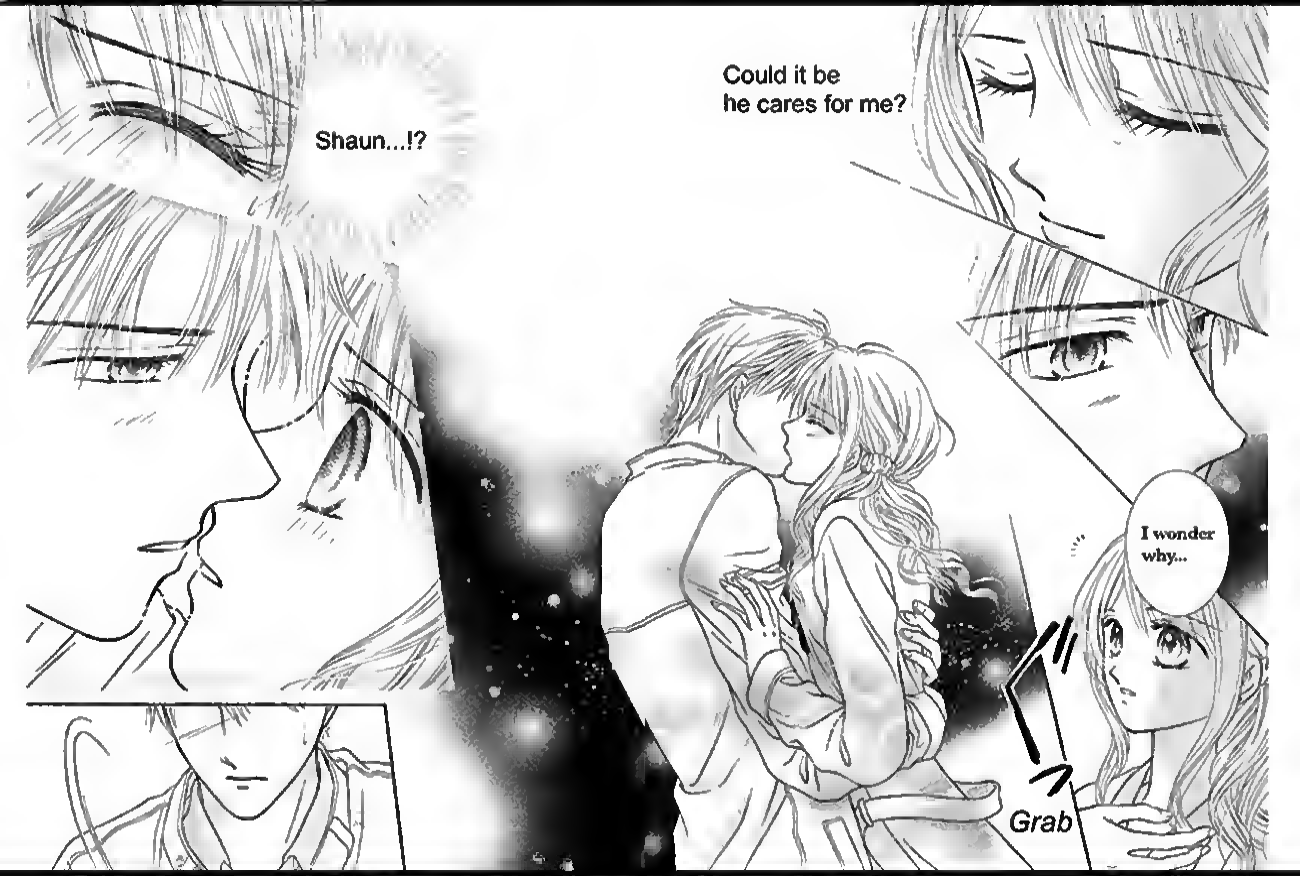

See you.
I'm sure there is someone more suited for a young lady from a respectable family.
Shaun...
Doesn't want me.

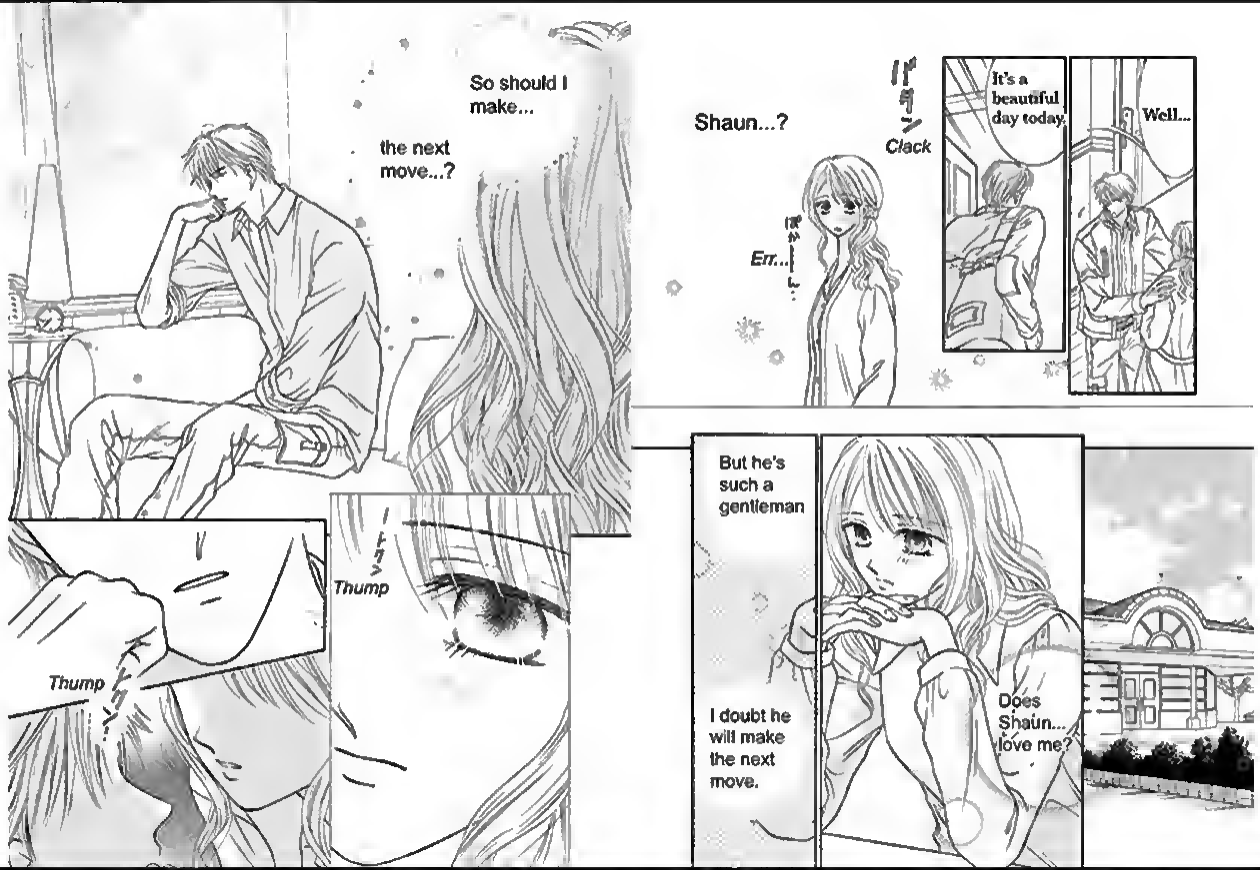
Even if I'm hurt by those things he said
Why does my heart not regret that kiss?
Shaun's car is gone
Could he have left the house...
Slam

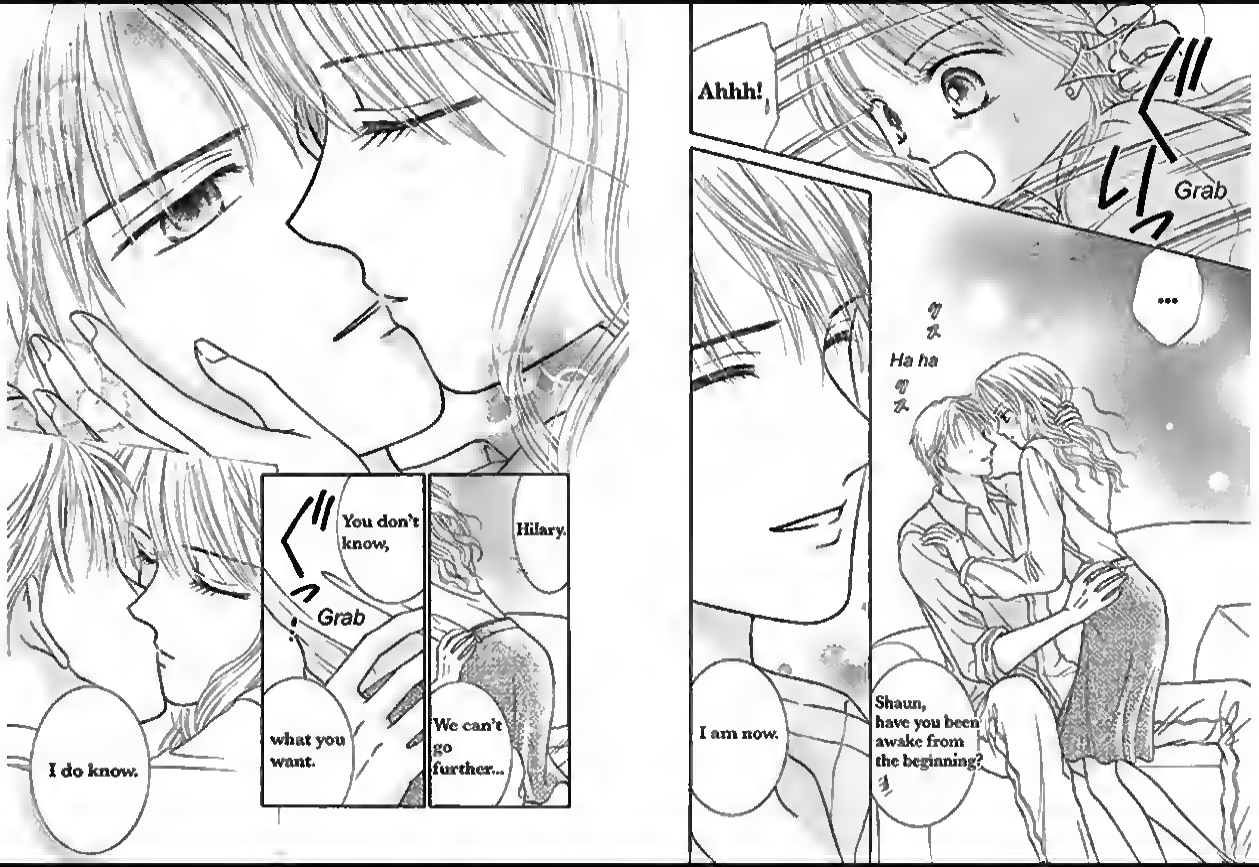

If I liked Arnold at least it would have been easier than it is now.
Hilary!
Chatter
Some of us are going to the coffee shop now. Do you want to come, too?
Arnold has been wanting to ask you for ages.
But you always seem so busy, so...
Don't say anything unnecessary, Rita!
But...
Fun conversations with new friends.


My friends to the coffee shop
Afterwards I went with Arnold and ...
Until 1 in the morning?!
At my rehearsal.
I...I'm not a child.
You're acting like my mother.
Did you not think I would get worried?!
You could have been in an accident or assaulted...
Or you could have even been kidnapped!
But... Why is Shaun getting this angry?
You were worried about me?
Hilary!
Shaun... Are you here...?
Creek
Shaun...?
Bam
Where...? I was...
Where have you been!

Yawn
Bubble bubble
Shaun's attitude last night..
Was he worried just because I'm his roommate?
Or..
Yes... That's exactly it.
But I would appreciated have it if you'd said something to me.
I don't care where you go with your friends
Good morning.
Why is it that I'm so tired on Mondays?
Creak
Good morning.
Shaun...?
I'm sorry...


Shaun...!?
Could it be
he cares for me?
I wonder
why...
Grab


So should I make...
the next move...?
Thump
Thump
Shaun...?
Clack
Err...
It's a beautiful day today.
Well...
But he's such a gentleman
I doubt he will make the next move.
Does Shaun... love me?


I do know.
You don't know,
Grab
what you want.
Hilary.
We can't go further...
Ahhh!
Grab
...
Ha ha
I am now.
Shaun, have you been awake from the beginning?

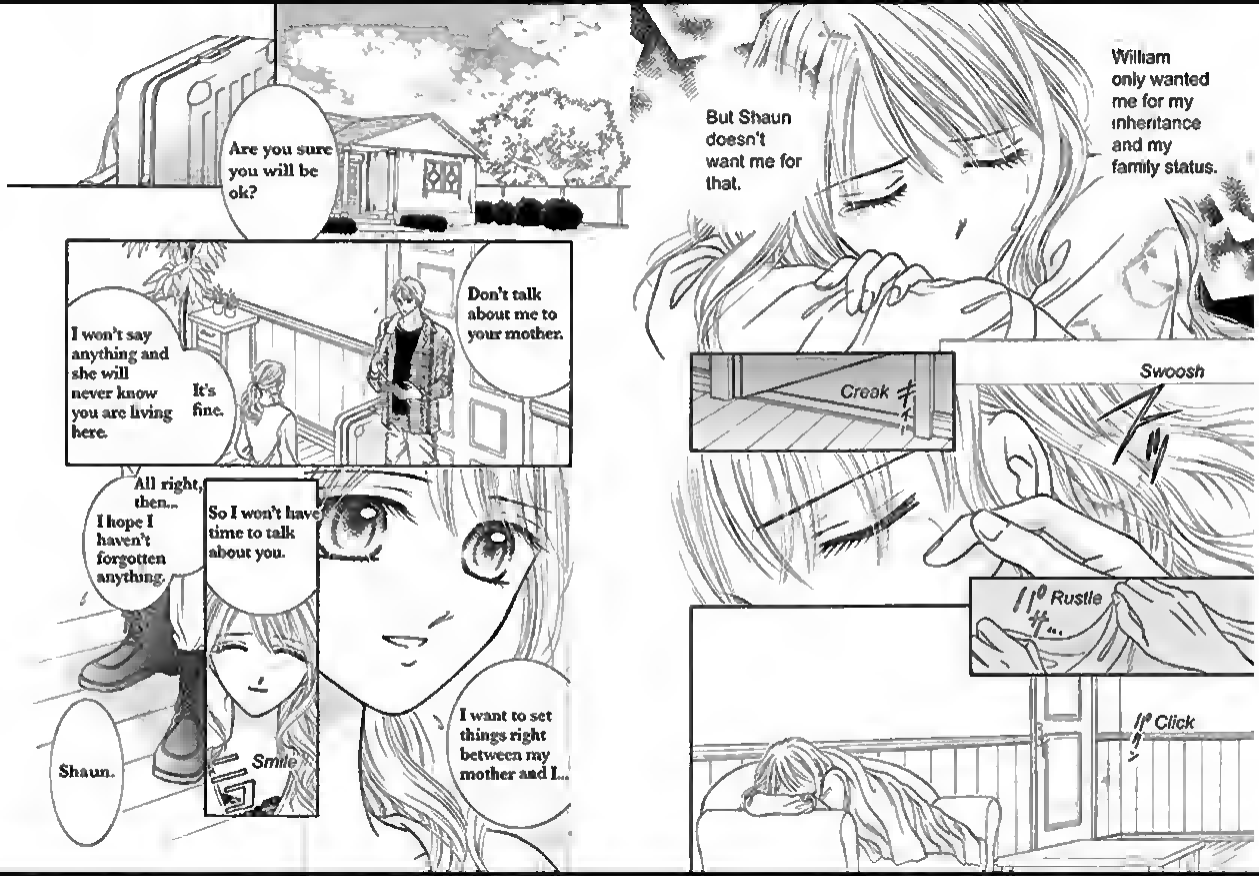
I want you more than anything else
Hurry...
Shaun...

sighs
はぁ
We're playing with fire...
Shaun...?
We shouldn't be doing this.
Even if one of us was persistent, the other should have controlled their feelings...!
What...?
Ring
The phone...?
Ring
Ring
It will stop ringing soon.
Hilary... It's the phone.
Thud
ドサッ
You should answer. It might be your mother.
...

Of course I can.
If the phone didn't ring?
Can you imagine what would have happened
But that's what I want.
Is it wrong for me to love you?!
You're wrong.
If we go a step too far, we won't be able to go back to being friends.
An upper class, naive young lady...
Why do you say such th...?
I've managed to calm down because of the phone.
So warm...
Don't make me anxious, Shaun...
yank

Let's live as normally as we can until we both calm down.
Then what?!
In 2 weeks' time we can go back to our normal lives.
I don't want to tell him what to do
Like what Mom did to me.
But, until Shaun finds his own answer
I can't do anything.
Fine, then.
I love you.
No matter what anyone says.
It will just get deeper and deeper.
We met under such strange circumstances.
I don't know if this feeling is real or not...!

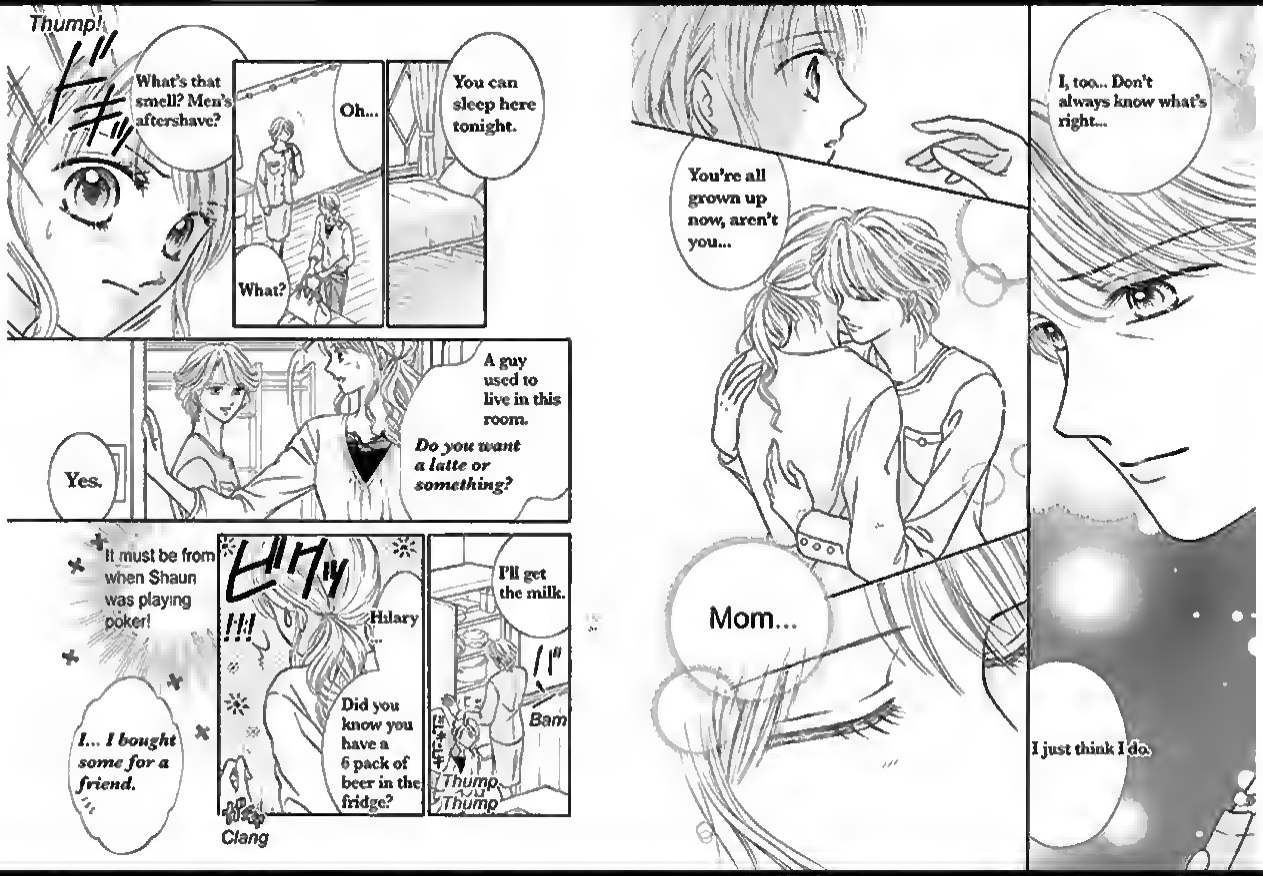
He's still not back.
Tick
Tick
Like when I met William in my 1st year at college..
Mom, you were always right.
But William didn't want me.
He wanted my inheritance.
She tried to pull us apart by every means possible.
But I believed in William
Shaun will leave here.
In 2 weeks
And
Leave me forever...?
Bam

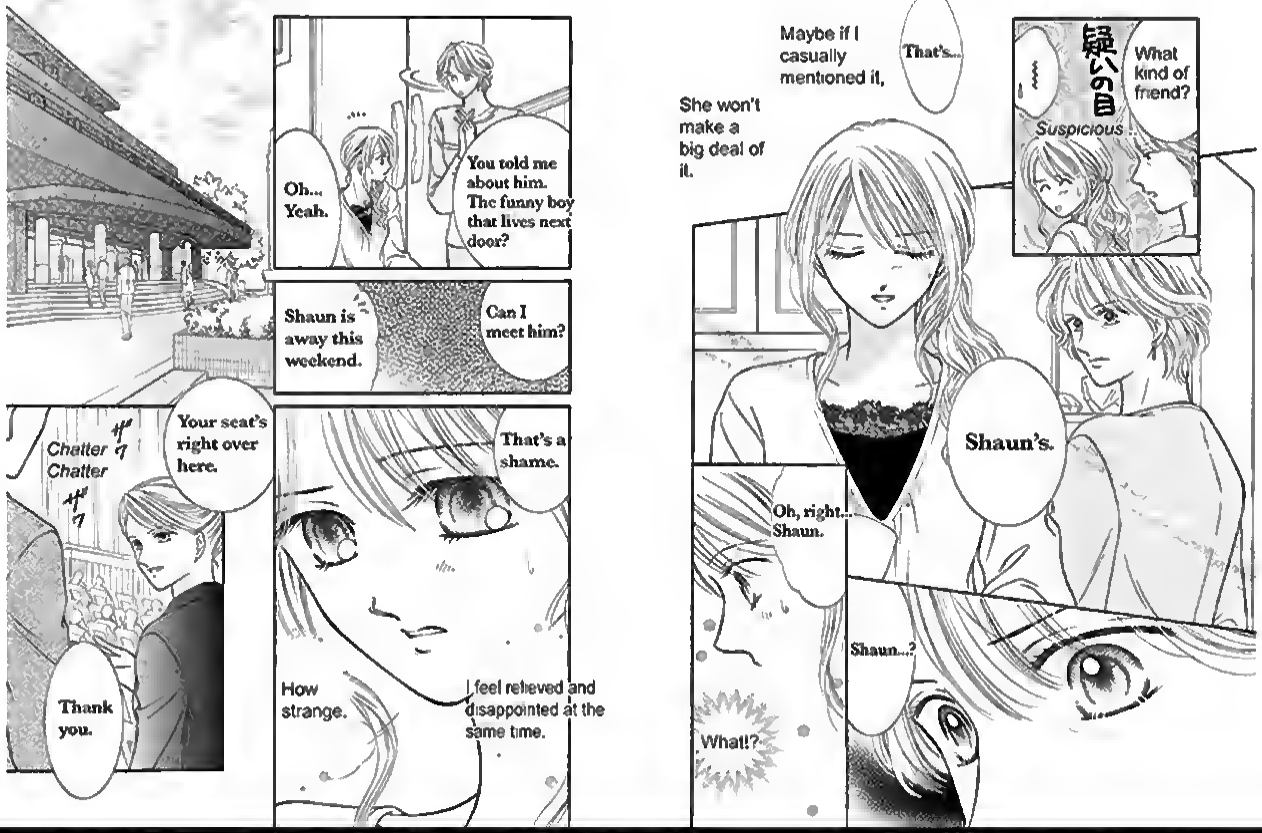

Are you sure you will be ok?
Don't talk about me to your mother.
I won't say anything and she will never know you are living here.
It's fine.
All right, then... I hope I haven't forgotten anything.
So I won't have time to talk about you.
Shaun.
Smile
I want to set things right between my mother and I...
But Shaun doesn't want me for that.
William only wanted me for my inheritance and my family status.
Creak
Swoosh
Rustle
Click

If I can be sure her feelings won't change,
I...
Shaun ...?
That's right.
I will miss you a lot.
Yeah...
Today will be the first time Hilary performs with her symphony.
Um... Can I ask, for a good luck kiss?
Hilary...
Will you miss me?
She probably would have invited me to sleep with her after the first kiss
If she just wanted me for a fling,
Clench
I cannot hurt you.
All the more reason...

Hilary...
But I discovered so much after spending just a few weeks apart from you.
I felt suffocated by your excessive love.
Mom, I have...
Like how I am so similar to you.
or how close I feel to you.
Never thanked you.
I never would have known these things if we continued to live together.
rebelling against me.
...You've got some nerve,

I'll be back by Sunday evening.
Tap
Mom, this is my apartment.
It might be smaller than your closet,
But I am really happy in this apartment.
So it seems.


Thump!
What's that smell? Men's aftershave?
Oh...
What?
You can sleep here tonight.
A guy used to live in this room.
Yes.
Do you want a latte or something?
It must be from when Shaun was playing poker!
Hilary...
Did you know you have a 6 pack of beer in the fridge?
I'll get the milk.
Bam
Thump Thump
Clang
I... I bought some for a friend.
You're all grown up now, aren't you...
Mom...
I, too... Don't always know what's right...
I just think I do.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Oh... Yeah.
You told me about him. The funny boy that lives next door?
Shaun is away this weekend.
Can I meet him?
That's a shame.
How strange.
I feel relieved and disappointed at the same time.
Chatter Chatter
Your seat's right over here.
Thank you.
That's...
Maybe if I casually mentioned it,
She won't make a big deal of it.
Shaun's.
疑いの目
Suspicious...
What kind of friend?
Oh, right... Shaun.
Shaun...?
What!?

...Oh...
She's the third flute player.
The best man. A man from the same social standing.
If I was her parent I'd want her to marry...
You are not the best man for her?
Her family is very wealthy...
And her mother would never accept a guy like me.
...I'm sure she'd be happy to know her boyfriend was here.
No...! We're just friends.
Anyway, what does this program mean?
Flick
Ahem
When was the last time I wore a tie?
Chatter
If it is not too much trouble, would you mind explaining the program to me?
Er, excuse me...
Of course.
What an elegant lady.
I'm like a fish out of water at a classical concert.
But I really wanted to see my friend play.

We ended up renting the same apartment by accident.
The landlords are on holiday.
So we had no choice but to live together until they came back and returned our deposit and rent.
You live together!?
So we can confirm our feelings.
This is why we have to stop living together,
Yes.
You can imagine... what her mother would think if she found out.
I have a daughter, too.
I can understand.

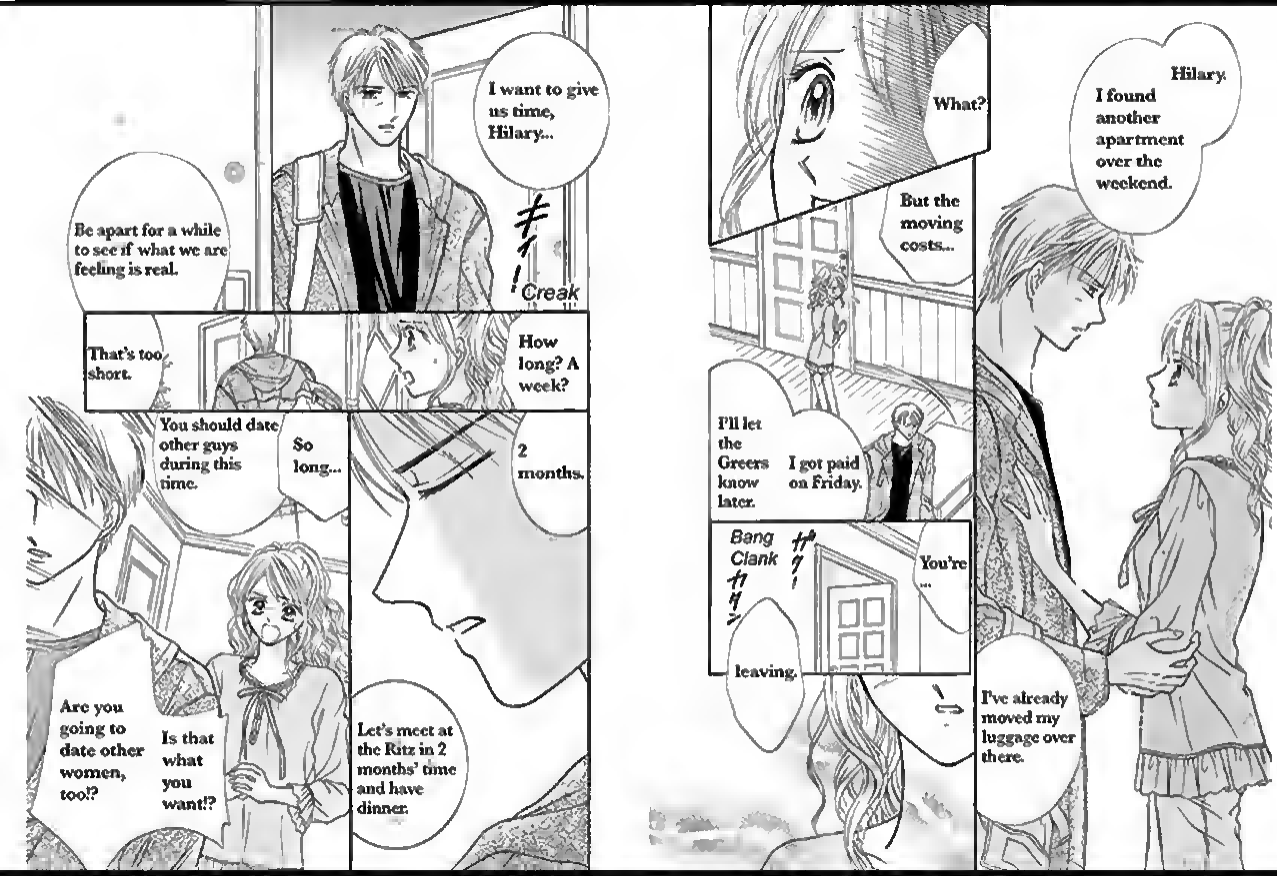
You would feel the same about her?
So even if she wasn't rich,
No, not at all...
I...
Why am I saying all this to someone I just met?
But in some ways I think I may be her best match.
Yes.
I love her.
Things I can't even say to Hilary...

I'd like to meet her.
The sound---
Mothers ...
Your daughter will always be your daughter.
Yes..
Rrring
feel like this towards their daughters...
Hilary's mom must be the same...
Clap Clap
Us mothers
Have to let love lead our children,
then eventually accept them as adults and let them leave the nest.
It's very sad.

It was truly wonderful.
That was fantastic!
Shaun!
I didn't think you would come...!
It was fantastic!
Hilary!
Tell her how you feel.
You should go to her.
Y... Yes.
It's like a storm.
Stirring the emotions.
I've never...
felt like this!
Clap
Clap

Shaun.
This is my mother. Louise Wosworth.
What's wrong?
This lady is...
Will you meet my mother?
Shaun ...
I've never heard classical music before. I don't know how to describe it!
Shaun ...
...Yes. I would love to.
What?
Thank you...!
Mom, this is Shaun.

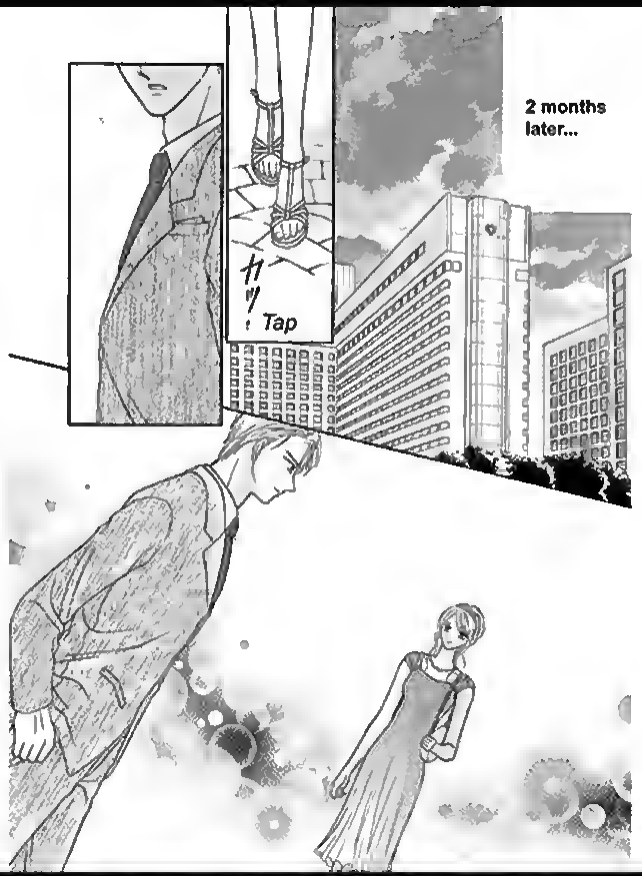
Monday...
Shaun!
Where were you?
You said you'd be back by Sunday night.
Mom said...
You are a great guy.
She's a wonderful lady, too.
And so are you, Hilary...
Yes, this gentleman helped me settle that odd feeling I felt in your house.
Odd feeling?
...We've met already, Hilary.
What?
Oh!
But what really did it was the radio.
I knew Hilary would never listen to country music.
...
The smell of aftershave and the 6 pack of beer.
Sorry
Yes
Shaun
Again?
Would you like to have dinner?
Smile
I've booked us a table at the Ritz.

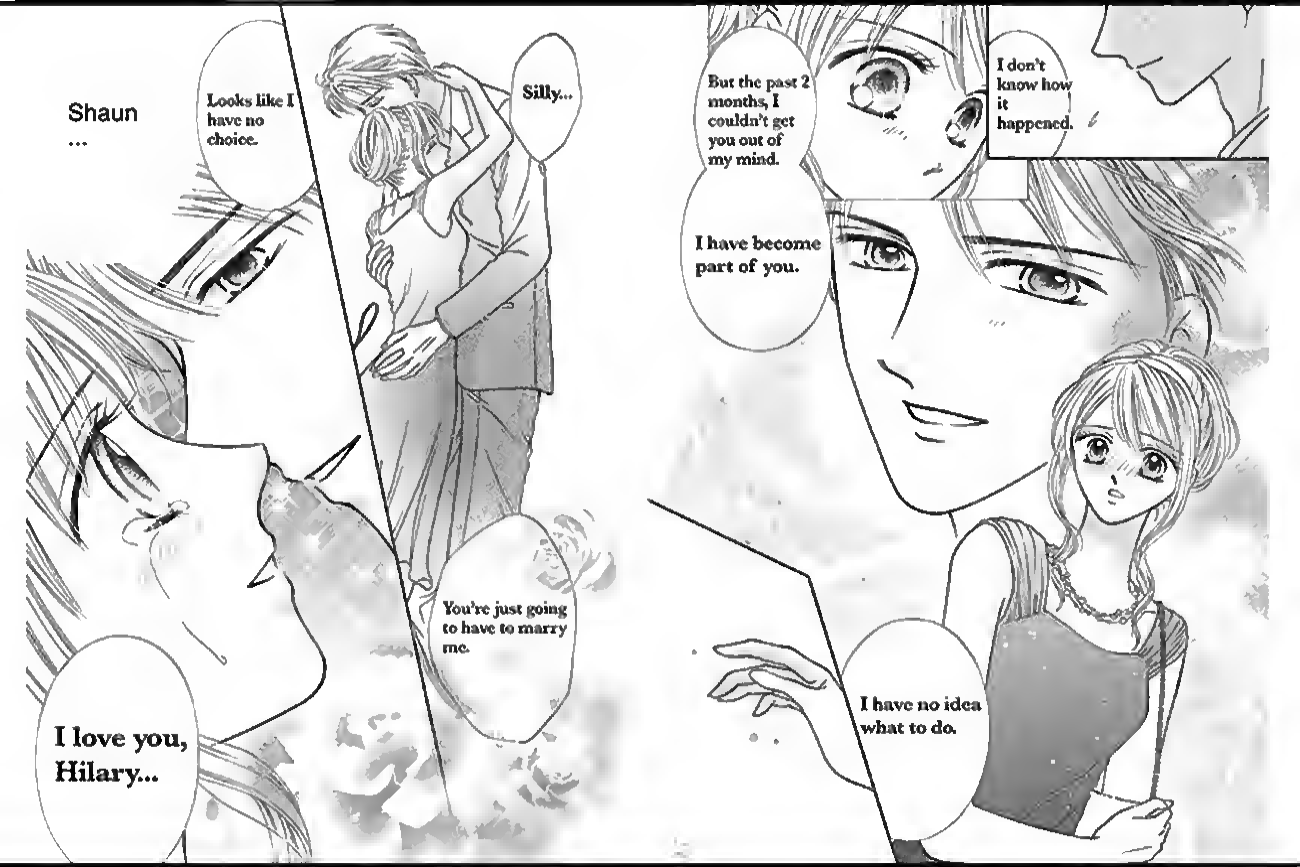

I want to give us time, Hilary...
Be apart for a while to see if what we are feeling is real.
Creak
That's too short.
How long? A week?
2 months.
So long...
You should date other guys during this time.
Are you going to date other women, too!?
Is that what you want!?
Let's meet at the Ritz in 2 months' time and have dinner.
What?
But the moving costs...
I'll let the Greers know later.
I got paid on Friday.
Bang Clank
You're ...
leaving.
Hilary. I found another apartment over the weekend.
I've already moved my luggage over there.

Yeah Yeah
Hold on!
Brrring Brrring
Hello?
Mom.
They say when someone you set free comes back to you,
Yes.
It's been nearly 2 months so I was wondering how you were.
Really?
you are destined to be together.
But I could only think about Shaun.
Did you date other boys?

Please understand.
Hilary...
Yes.
Shaun...

I'm... not hungry yet.
Do you want to go for a walk?
With two guys.
Who other than Arnold!?
Who other than Carla?
Hahaha!
Haha?!
Shaun...
Did you date other girls like you promised?
Yeah, with many.
How about you?


2 months later...
Tap


Shaun
...
Looks like I have no choice.
I love you, Hilary...
Silly...
You're just going to have to marry me.
But the past 2 months, I couldn't get you out of my mind.
I don't know how it happened.
I have become part of you.
I have no idea what to do.

Tell her that Shaun Cochran will make Hilary Wosworth,
the happiest bride in the world.
The Apartment. The End
She'll be nervously waiting by the phone to hear what happened.
Can I... call mom?
What?
Really!?
Well, you better put her out of her misery.
Haha
This is my mother we're talking about.

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